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For the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation,
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" " " 3 " 2½ %

T. H. WHITEHEAD,
Manager.

Hongkong, October 17, 1896. 840

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* See Special Advertisement.

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Hongkong, December 29, 1896. 2635

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SINGAPORE	1.38	1.15	1.49	1.15
NORTH BORNEO:—				
LABUAN	1.13	1.10	1.24	1.10
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JAVA	1.68	1.25	1.79	1.28
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The Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 15th to the 31st Instant, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
General Agents,
CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE, LIMITED.
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By order of the Board of Directors,
JAMES B. DUNCAN,
Secretary.
Hongkong, December 30, 1896. 2644

Intimations.

NEW YEAR HOLIDAY.

IN accordance with Ordinance No. 6 of 1875, the Undermentioned BANKS will be CLOSED for the Transaction of Public Business, on FRIDAY, the 1st January, 1897.

For the 'Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China,'
T. H. WHITEHEAD,
Manager, Hongkong.

For the 'Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation,'
T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.

For 'The National Bank of China, Limited,'
GEO. W. F. PLAYFAIR,
Chief Manager.

For 'The Mercantile Bank of India, Limited,'
J. W. R. TAYLOR,
Manager, Hongkong.

For the 'Banque de L'Indo-Chine, Hongkong Agency,'
M. LACAZE,
pro Manager.

For the 'Bank of China and Japan, Ltd.,' Hongkong,
CHANTREY INCHBALD,
Manager.

For the 'Yokohama Specie Bank, Ltd.,'
NAO. NABEKRA,
Agent.

Hongkong, December 26, 1896. 2618

INSURANCE HOLIDAYS.

THE Undermentioned INSURANCE OFFICES will be CLOSED for the Transaction of Public Business, on FRIDAY, the 1st January, 1897.

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Hongkong, November 5, 1896. 2233

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NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM GLASGOW, LIVERPOOL, AND SINGAPORE.

THE Company's Steamship *Chingwo* having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the HONGKONG & KOWLOON WHARF & GODOWN Co., Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Claims must be sent in to the Office of the Undersigned before Noon on the 31st December, or they will not be recognized.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on THURSDAY, the 31st Dec., at 3 p.m.

No Fire Insurance has been effected, and any Goods remaining in the Godowns after the 31st December will be subject to rent.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.,
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Hongkong, December 26, 1896. 2619

To-day's Advertisements.

THE Services of a MATRON are required for the FEMALE PRISON. Salary $50 a month, exclusive of Exchange Compensation, Quarters and allowances.

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J. H. STEWART LOCKHART,
Colonial Secretary.

Hongkong, December 30, 1896. 2645

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NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

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FROM BOMBAY AND STRAITS.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above-named Vessel are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and placed *at their risk* in the HONGKONG AND KOWLOON WHARF AND GODOWN COMPANY'S GODOWNS at Kowloon, where each consignment will be sorted out Mark by Mark and delivery can be obtained as soon as the Goods are landed.

This Vessel brings on Cargo:—

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Goods not cleared by the 5th January, at 4 p.m., will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by me in any case whatever.

All Damaged Packages must be left in the Godowns and a certificate of the damage obtained from the Godown Company within ten days after the vessel's arrival here, after which no Claims will be recognised.

H. A. RITCHIE,
Superintendent.

Hongkong, December 30, 1896. 2641

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE S. S. *Lightning* having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods will be delivered from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge or remaining on board after 4 p.m. of the 1st January, 1897, will be landed at Consignees' risk and expense into the Godowns of the HONGKONG AND KOWLOON WHARF AND GODOWN COMPANY, LIMITED, at Wanchai.

Consignees of Cargo from SINGAPORE and PENANG are requested to take IMMEDIATE delivery of their Goods from alongside; such Cargo impeding the discharge of the Vessel will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

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DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co.,
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Hongkong, December 30, 1896. 2640

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The Co.'s Steamship *Achilles*, Captain HARVEY, will be despatched as above TO-MORROW, the 31st Instant, at Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.

Hongkong, December 30, 1896. 2605

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR LONDON, *VIA* SUEZ CANAL.

The Co.'s Steamship *Pyrrhus*, Captain BATT, will be despatched as above on THURSDAY, the 14th January.

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Hongkong, December 30, 1896. 2644

Vessels Advertised as Loading.

Destination.	*Vessels.*	*Agents.*	*Date of Leaving.*
Australian Ports	Tsinan (s)	Butterfield & Swire	Jan. 5, at noon.
Bremen & Ports of Cal	Bayern (s)	Norddeutscher Lloyd.	Jan. 5, at 9 a.m.
Japan	Verona (s)	P. & O. S. N. Co.	Jan. 1, at noon.
Kobé and Yokohama	Chunsang (s)	Jardine, Matheson & Co	Dec. 31, at 3 p.m.
London, v. Suez Canal	Achilles (s)	Butterfield & Swire	Dec. 31, daylight.
London, v. Ports of Cal	Kaisar-i-Hind (s)	P. & O. S. N. Co.	Dec. 31, at noon.
London & Ports of Cal	Pakling (s)	Holliday, Wise & Co.	About Jan. 17.
London, v. Suez Canal	Glengarry (s)	Jardine, Matheson & Co	About Jan. 4.
London, v. Suez Canal	Pyrrhus (s)	Butterfield & Swire	January 14.
London	Sunda (s)	P. & O. S. N. Co.	About Jan. 12.
London, v. Marseilles.	Borneo (s)	P. & O. S. N. Co.	About Jan. 23.
Manila, via Amoy	Yuensang (s)	Jardine, Matheson & Co	Dec. 31, 4 p.m.
New York, v. Suez Canal	Cassius (s)	Siemssen & Co.	End of December.
New York, v. Suez Canal	Polyphemus (s)	Butterfield & Swire.	January 15.
New York, v. Suez Canal	Port Adelaide (s)	Dodwell, Carlill & Co.	About Jan. 30.
New York	William H. Smith	Carlowitz & Co.	Quick despatch.
New York	Penobscot	Arnhold, Karberg & Co.	Quick despatch.
Samarang & Sourabaya	Hupeh (s)	Butterfield & Swire	January 4.
S. Francisco, v. Japan	City of Peking (s)	Pacific Mail S. S. Co.	Jan. 7, at daylight.
S. Francisco, v. Japan	Doric (s)	O. & O. S. S. Co.	Jan. 16, at noon.
San Francisco	Matterhorn	Melchers & Co.	Quick despatch.
San Francisco	Sumbawa	Shewan, Tomes & Co.	Quick despatch.
Shanghai	Prometheus (s)	Butterfield & Swire	Dec. 31, at noon.
Shanghai	Lyeemoon (s)	Siemssen & Co.	Dec. 31, at 4 p.m.
Shanghai, via Swatow.	Hoihow (s)	Butterfield & Swire	Jan. 1, at noon.
Singapore, London, &c.	Kagoshima Maru (s)	Nippon Yusen Kaisha.	Jan. 5, at noon.
Swatow, Amoy & T'sui	Formosa (s)	Douglas Lapraik & Co.	Jan. 1, daylight.
Tacoma (Wash.), &c.	Pelican (s)	Dodwell, Carlill & Co.	Jan. 5, daylight
Vancouver (B.C.), &	Empress of China (s)	Canadian P'fic R. Co.	Jan. 20, at noon.
Victoria (B.C.), &c.	Mount Lebanon (s)	Shewan, Tomes & Co.	January 16.
Yokohama and Kobe	Changsha (s)	Butterfield & Swire	January 6.

To-day's Advertisements.

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR SHANGHAI.

(Taking Cargo & Passengers at through rates for NINGPO, CHEFOO, HANKOW, *and Ports on the* YANGTSZE*)*.

The Co.'s Steamship *Prometheus*, Captain DAY, will be despatched as above TO-MORROW, the 31st Instant, at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.

Hongkong, December 30, 1896. 2642

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SHANGHAI, *VIA* SWATOW.

The Co.'s Steamship *Hoihow*, Capt. PENNEFATHER, will be despatched as above on FRIDAY, the 1st January, 1897, at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.

Hongkong, December 30, 1896. 2643

THE OREGON RAILWAY AND NAVIGATION COMPANY'S PACIFIC STEAMSHIP LINE.

CHINA AND JAPAN.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG, 1897.

(SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.)

Mount Lebanon | Saturday | 16th January.

TAKING PASSENGERS AND CARGO FOR UNITED STATES AND CANADA AT THROUGH RATES.

The Steamship *Mount Lebanon*, will be despatched hence for VICTORIA, B.C., and PORTLAND, OREGON, via KOBE and YOKOHAMA, on SATURDAY, the 16th January, 1897.

Consular Invoice of Goods for United States Points should be in QUADRUPLICATE, and one Copy must be sent forward by the Steamer to the care of the GENERAL FREIGHT AGENT, Oregon Railway and Navigation Co., Portland, Oregon.

For further information as to Passage and Freight, apply to

SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, December 30, 1896. 2646

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

December 30:—

Choysang, British str., from Canton.

Lyeemoon, German str., from Canton.

Taksang, British str., from Canton.

Kwang Lee, Chinese str., 1,505, Lincoln, Shanghai Dec. 26, General (16 Griffins).—C. M. S. N. Co.

Empress of China, British steamer, 3,003, R. Archibald, R.N.R., Vancouver Dec. 7, Yokohama 21, Kobe 23, Nagasaki 25, and Shanghai 27, Mails and General.—C. P. R. Co.

Prometheus, British str., 3,349, Robert Day, Liverpool and Singapore Dec. 24, at 9 a.m., General.—BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE.

Memnon, British steamer, 826, R. Mogridge, Sandakan Dec. 24, General.—BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE.

Lightning, British steamer, 2,124, J. G. Spence, Calcutta Dec. 12, and Singapore 22, General.—DAVID, SASSOON SONS & Co.

Achilles, British steamer, 1,457, Harvey, Amoy Dec. 28, General.—BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE.

Mazagon, British steamer, 3,279, E. G. Andrews, Singapore Dec. 22, General.—P. & O. S. N. Co.

Senta, German steamer, 2,156, J. Vop, Hamburg and Singapore Dec. 23, General.—SIEMSSEN & Co.

Esang, British steamer, 1,127, E. J. Todd, Wuhu Dec. 25, and Chinkiang 26, Rice and Wheat.—JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.

Germania, German steamer, 1,714, T. Bendixen, Amoy Dec. 28, and Swatow 29, General.—JEBSEN & Co.

Whan Tai, Chinese man-of-war, 2,400, Chu Chong Pang, Saigon Dec. 25.

DEPARTURES.

December 30:—

Formosa, for Shanghai and Japan Ports.
Thales, for Swatow.
Oceana, for Singapore and Hamburg.
Chiyuen, for Shanghai.
Kwang Lee, for Canton.

CLEARED.

Congo, for Manila.
Choysang, for Shanghai.
Hailan, for Hoihow.
Belle of Bath, for New York.
Quarta, for Hongay.
Ladakh, for Iloilo.
Martha, for Saigon.

PASSENGERS.

ARRIVED.

Per *Kwang Lee*, from Shanghai, 125 Chinese.

Per *Empress of China*, for Hongkong: from Vancouver, Mrs H. Webster, Mrs A. Wilkes, Mr and Mrs Yee Tai and 2 children, Messrs A. Ross Owen, Chan Long, and W. Leigh; from Yokohama, Mr and Mrs H. Payne Whitney and maid, Miss Lucy Curtis, Mr and Mrs M. S. Oveyin, Messrs W. S. Curtis, A. W. H. Whitnall, Robt. Chapman, Leonard Black, H. B. Darnell, and H. W. Arthur; from Kobe, Mr U. Chirol, Mr and Mrs W. M. Griffin; from Shanghai, Dr and Mrs Charles, Messrs N. Balbas, E. C. Welch, W. A. Main, and Hon. J. J. Bell-Irving, and 381 Chinese.

Per *Prometheus*, from Singapore, Mr Mussen, and 298 Chinese.

Per *Memnon*, from Sandakan, Capt. McArthur, Mr Foster, and 17 Chinese.

Per *Lightning*, from Calcutta, &c., Major Renney, Lieut. Atkinson, Mr and Mrs Brown, Mr Raymond, and 273 Chinese.

Per *Achilles*, from Amoy, 500 Chinese.

Per *Senta*, from Singapore, 180 Chinese.

Per *Germania*, from Amoy, 75 Chinese.

DEPARTED.

Per *Gaelic*, for Shanghai, 3 Japanese; for Nagasaki, 4 Japanese and 1 Chinese; for Kobe, 3 Chinese; for Yokohama, 2 Chinese; for Chicago, Mr W. Hildersheim; for London, Mr C. Clift.

Per *Thales*, for Swatow, 150 Chinese.

Per *Oceana*, for Singapore, 8 Europeans and 12 Chinese.

Per *Chiyuen*, for Shanghai, 11 Chinese.

TO DEPART.

Per *Kaisar-i-Hind*, from Hongkong: for Singapore, Mr and Mrs D. Haskell, Messrs A. V. Lafone, E. A. Leggatt, H. W. Mortimore, Haskell, Jr., and W. E. Smith; for Brindisi, Mr L. H. Rogers, Jr., Mrs J. A. Farnam, and Mrs De Witt C. Hay, Mr A. B. Falkenburg, Mrs L. F. Watson, and Miss H. Truss; for London, Miss Mead, Comdr. W. F. Tunnard, R.N., Midshipmen B. M. Taylor, R.N., J. A. Slee, R.N., E. A. E. Nixon, R.N., G. R. B. Blount, R.N., C. A. Fremantle, R.N., W. G. Rigg, R.N., G. P. Bamber, R.N., C. M. Dammers, R.N., H. B. Cox, R.N., J. R. Corner, R.N., F. O. Dew, R.N., J. C. [illegible], Mr Fragior, Mr Leigh, Mr Whitnall, Mr Ch. Huggins. From Shanghai: for Brindisi, Mr and Mrs F. T. Marshall; for London, Miss Goodwin. From Yokohama: for Bombay, Rev. and Mrs N. Rockey and 6 children; for Marseilles, Mr Tan Tajuna; for London, Messrs C. H. Allen and Jas. Leys. From Kobe: for Brindisi, Messrs. H. Marcus and J. Tschetinian.

Per *Choysang*, for Shanghai, 10 Chinese.

Per *Hailan*, for Hoihow, 50 Chinese.

Per *Belle of Bath*, for New York, 1 European.

SHIPPING REPORTS.

The Chinese steamer *Kwang Lee* reports: Northerly winds with fine weather.

The British steamer *Empress of China* reports: Experienced fine weather and fair winds, crossing the Pacific; and fine weather and smooth sea, from Yokohama to Hongkong, via the usual coast ports.

The British steamer *Prometheus* reports: From Singapore to Paracels Island, strong N.E. monsoon, with high sea and heavy rain; from thence to port, moderate to fresh breeze, with fine weather.

The British steamer *Memnon* reports: Fine weather all the way.

The British steamer *Lightning* reports: Moderate monsoon.

The British steamer *Esang* reports: Light variable winds, and smooth sea to the Brothers, then fresh to strong N.E. winds and following sea.

POST OFFICE NOTICES.

MAILS will close:—

For SWATOW & SHANGHAI.—
Per *Hoihow*, at 10.30 a.m., on Thursday, the 31st December.

For SHANGHAI.—
Per *Prometheus*, at 10.30 a.m., on Thursday, the 31st December.
Per *Choysang*, at 3.30 p.m., on Thursday, the 31st December.
Per *Lyeemoon*, at 3.30 p.m., on Thursday, the 31st December.

For MACAO.—
Per *Heungshan*, at 1.30 p.m., on Thursday, the 31st December.
Per *Heungshan*, at 9 a.m., on Friday, the 1st January.
Per *Heungshan*, at 9 a.m., on Saturday, the 2nd January.

For KOBE & YOKOHAMA.—
Per *Chunsang*, at 2.30 p.m., on Thursday, the 31st December.

For AMOY & MANILA.—
Per *Yuensang*, at 3.30 p.m., on Thursday, the 31st December.

For SWATOW, AMOY & TAMSUI.—
Per *Formosa*, at 5 p.m., on Thursday, the 31st December.

For HAIPHONG.—
Per *Sullberg*, at 5 p.m., on Thursday, the 31st December.

For CANTON.—
Per *Powan*, at 5 p.m., on Thursday, the 31st December.
Per *Fatshan*, at 9 a.m., on Friday, the 1st January.
Per *Powan*, at 9 a.m., on Sunday, the 3rd January.

MAILS BY THE BRITISH PACKET.—

The British Contract Packet *Kaisar-i-Hind*, will be despatched on THURSDAY, the 31st Dec., with Mails for the United Kingdom, Europe, and countries beyond, *via Brindisi*; to the Straits Settlements, Netherlands India, Burmah, Ceylon, Aden, Egypt, Malta, and Gibraltar.

The usual hours will be observed in closing the Mails, &c.

MEMOS. FOR TO-MORROW.

Shipping.

Daylight.—*Achilles* leaves for London, &c.

Noon.—English Mail Steamer leaves for Ports of Call and Europe.

Noon.—*Prometheus* leaves for Shanghai.

Noon.—*Hoihow* leaves for Shanghai, &c.

3 p.m.—*Chunsang* leaves for Kobe, &c.

4 p.m.—*Yuensang* leaves for Manila.

4 p.m.—*Lyeemoon* leaves for Shanghai.

Meeting.

Noon.—Meeting of Shareholders of the Punjom Mining Company, Limited, at the Co.'s Office No. 9, Praya Central.

Miscellaneous.

Goods per *Chingwo* undelivered after this date subject to rent.

Exchange

HONGKONG, December 30, 1896.

On London—
Bank, Wire, ... 2/1⅛
„ On demand, ... 2/1 3/16
„ 30 days' sight, ... 2/1¼
„ 4 months' sight, ... 2/1⅜
Credits, 4 „ ... 2/1⅝
Documentary, 4 months' sights, ... 2/2
On Paris—
On demand, ... 2.67
Credits, 4 months' sight, ... 2.72
On Berlin—Demand, ... 2.16
On New York—
On demand, ... 51⅛
Credits, 60 days' sight, ... 52¾
On Bombay—
Wire, ... 163½
On demand, ... 164
On Calcutta—
Wire, ... 163½
On demand, ... 164
On Shanghai—
On demand, ... 71⅞
30 days' sight, (private paper) ... 72⅝
Gold Leaf, 100 fine, (per tael)... $48.60
Sovereigns (Bank's buying rate) $ 9.30
Silver (per oz.) ... 29⅞d.

Quotations.

HONGKONG, December 30, 1896.

OPIUM—New Patna, cash,... 702½
„ Old „ cash, 707½
„ Old „ cash,... 690
„ New Benares, cash, 717½
„ New Malwa, credit, 780
Allowance, Taels,... 48/68
„ Old Malwa, credit, 780
Allowance, Taels,... 24/40
„ Persian, Oily, cash,... —
Allowance, Taels,... —
„ Persian, Paper tied 560/580
Allowance, Taels, ... 32/64

Hongkong Register.

	Previous day at 4 p.m.	On date at 10 a.m.	On date at 4 p.m.
Barometer ...	30.12	30.32	30.20
Temperature	66	62	62
Humidity ...	73	51	77
Direction of Wind ...	ESE	ENE	E
Force	2	3	5
Weather	o	o	o
Rain	—	—	—

Highest open air temperature on the 29th........67
Lowest open air temperature on the 29th........60

F. G. FIGG, *First Assistant.*
Hongkong Observatory, Dec. 30, 1896.

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GINGERADE

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A. S. WATSON & Co., LIMITED,
THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY.
Hongkong, July 1, 1896. 1217

BIRTHS.

On the 21st December, at 41, Broadway, Shanghai, the Wife of O. P. KROGH, of a Daughter.

On December 14, at No. 57, Bluff, Yokohama, the Wife of E. B. STUART EDWARDS, of a Daughter.

On Nov. 20, at 15, Queen Street W., Lady MAUD WARRENDER, of a Daughter.

MARRIAGE.

On the 19th Dec., at Yokohama, by the Rev. G. M. Meacham, MAY OASTLER BURDIS, of Yokohama, to LOUIS MARTIN WILLIAMS, of Yokohama.

DEATHS.

On Nov. 23, at Nantenan College, Walmer, Kent, FANNY, widow of Commander William Forde Royse, R.N., and daughter of the late Vice-Admiral Sir Thomas Harvey, K.C.B.; 87.

At the General Hospital, Singapore, on the 22nd Dec., P. HENDERSON SELLAR, Engineer, s.s. *Deucalion.*

On the 25th December, at his residence at Swatow, LOUIS GRUNAUER, aged about 39 years.

The publication of this issue commenced at 6 45 p.m.

The China Mail.

HONGKONG, WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 30, 1896.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

STEAMERS PASSED SUEZ CANAL.

(SUPPLIED THROUGH REUTER.)

OUTWARD BOUND:—*Balmoral*, Nov. 20th; *Oscar*, 27th; *Medusa*, Dec. 1st; *Frigga*, 4th; *Glenfarg, Keemun, Natal, Romney, Bengloe*, 8th; *Tantalus, Glamorganshire*, 11th; *Manila, Niobe, Bullmouth, Shanghai, Mogul, Ceres, Jens-Meinich, Riojun Maru*, 15th; *Melbourne, Priam, Diomed, Sarpedon, Adour*, 18th; *Oanfa, Prinz Heinrich, Vindobona, Tellus*, 22nd; *Oopack*, 26th; *Bennohr, Caledonien, Canton, Kirkdale, Normanisle, Glenartney, Cowrie*, 28th.

HOMEWARD BOUND:—*Helen Rickmers*, Dec. 1st; *Ceylon*, 2nd; *Glenshiel, Hertha*, 4th; *Menelaus, Oceanien*, 8th; *Dorothea Rickmers, Port Philip*, 11th; *Teucer*, 22nd; *Gerda, Benvoirlich*, 28th.

Mails.

The *Natal*, with the FRENCH MAIL of 4th December, left Singapore on Sunday, the 27th December, at 2 p.m., and may be expected here on or about Sunday, the 3rd January. The Packet brings replies to letters despatched from Hongkong on the 28th October.

The O. & O. s. s. *Doric*, with the AMERICAN MAIL of the 10th Dec., left Yokohama on Wednesday, the 30th Dec., at daylight, and may be expected here on or about Thursday, the 7th January.

The P. M. s. s. *China*, with mails &c., left San Francisco for this port via Honolulu, Yokohama, Inland Sea, Kobe, Nagasaki and Shanghai, on the 19th Dec.

Steamers Expected.

The N. G. Ital. steamer *Letimbro* left Bombay on the 8th Dec., and may be expected here on or about the 28th Dec.

The C. N. Co.'s steamer *Changsha*, from Australian ports, left Manila on the 28th Dec., for this port, and may be expected to arrive here on or about Friday, the 1st January, 1897.

The s. s. *Mount Lebanon*, from Portland, Oregon, left Kobe on the morning of 28th Dec. for Hongkong.

The s. s. *Kutsang*, from Calcutta and Straits, left Singapore for this port on the evening of Dec. 28, at 5 o'clock.

The N. P. S. Co.'s chartered steamer *Macduff* sailed from Tacoma for Yokohama on the 22nd Dec.

The C. M. Co.'s s. s. *Oopack*, from Glasgow and Liverpool, passed the Canal on the 26th Dec., and may be considered due at Singapore on or about the 14th January, 1897.

Latest Advices.

The P. M. s. s. *City of Peking*, with the AMERICAN MAIL left Shanghai on Wednesday, the 30th Dec., at 7 o'clock, and may be expected here on or about Saturday, the 2nd Jan., 1897.

The P. M. s. s. *Peru*, with mails, &c., which left hence 3rd Dec., for San Francisco, via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea and Yokohama, arrived at her destination on the 27th Dec.

The P. & O. Co.'s str. *Manila* arrived at London on the evening of the 26th inst.

ADMIRAL Buller left Singapore for Sarawak, on board the *Alacrity*, on the 21st inst.

MR Phil May was among the *Empress of China's* passengers from Vancouver to Japan.

COLONEL Elsdale, R.E., arrived by the P. and O. steamer *Formosa*, and has already taken over the command of the Royal Engineers.

THE band of the West Yorkshire Regiment will play the following programme at the Officers' Mess at 8 p.m. on Wednesday, the 30th inst.:—

Overture	'In Spanish Style'	
Austrian Retreat	'Soldatenleben'	*Kela Bela.*
Selection	'Rip Van Winkle'	*Planquette.*
Cornet Solo	'The Power of Love'	*Balfe.*
Valse	'Fluie d' Or'	*Waldteufel.*
Selection	'Attila'	*Verdi.*

God save the Queen.
Wm. Geo. Bentley, A.R.C.M., Bandmaster.

LORD Wolseley's faith in the Chinese as a military force has not been shaken by the ignominious collapse of China before Japan. Speaking on 'Modern Armies,' at Edinburgh, early this month, he said 'he believed that the Chinese were designed above all races to be a great military and naval conquering people and, he added, that if he was given a free hand and allowed to select English officers as instructors, he would undertake to raise in a couple of years a great Chinese army, which would be invincible in the East and hard to beat in Europe.—Lord Wolseley ought to know what he is talking about, but does he?

VESSELS AT THE DOCKS:—At Kowloon—Dante, Lekin, Lung Tsing, Jacob Diederichsen, Hanoi, R. R. Thomas, Pelican, Machias, Arlaki Maru.

Cosmopolitan—John Baizley, Nanchang, Australian.

Aberdeen.—(None).

NEW PIANO and Organ Repairing Material and Machinery just to hand; also the latest Music. W. Robinson & Co.

THE Legislative Council meeting, already adjourned twice, is now postponed *sine die.*

A meeting of the Sanitary Board will be held to-morrow afternoon at 4.15. The business is purely routine.

THE Hon. H. L. S. Lee-Dillon is retiring from the Rifle Brigade in which he holds a Second Lieutenancy.

MR G. C. Murray heads the Yokohama C. C. batting averages with 31.75 for eight completed innings.

AT a meeting of the Shanghai Municipal Council on the 15th Dec., letters were read intimating an outbreak of rinderpest amongst the cattle in the native dairies of the Settlement.

THE commander of the German cruiser *Arcona* telegraphed to his Government on the 1st December that the situation in Manila was critical, and that preparations had been made to move the resident foreigners to a place of safety.

DR Sun Yat Sin has published an article in a London newspaper in which he says that the value of Li Hung Chang's head will be determined by the value of the information he has taken to China anent the doings and power of Chinese abroad.

THE General Post Office and Registration Branch will be closed on New Year's Day and 2nd January, except from 8 to 9 a.m. Correspondence for Hongkong, the Peak, and Kowloon may be posted up to 9 a.m. The Night Box will be left open. The Money Order Office will be entirely closed on both days.

THE P. & O. mail steamer *Rosetta* brought 1,575 bags for the Far East, a record in Christmas mails for this part of the world, says the *Straits Times*. It took the two sorters twenty-six hours after leaving Penang to sort the mail for Singapore, and the journey from Penang was accomplished in twenty-eight hours, a remarkably quick passage.

WE have to acknowledge receipt of calendars from Messrs Stolterfoht and Hagan, local agents for the Commercial Union Assurance Co., Ltd., and Dakin Cruickshank and Co., Ltd. The latter firm's calendar is artistically designed, and gives a photographic illustration of the display at the unveiling of the Queen's Statue.

A PRIZE-FIGHT was fought at San Francisco on the 2nd inst. between Fitzsimmons and Sharkey, the ex-sailor. Sharkey was very groggy in the eighth round and was knocked out by Fitzsimmons, but the referee held it was a foul blow and awarded the stakes to Sharkey, and now the parties are wrangling over the disposal of the stakes. Prize-fights are not always what they seem.

'THE nearer the Church the further from grace' is a common enough saying, but it might be parodied in Hongkong and Shanghai to read: 'The nearer the police station the greater the danger from thieves.' We must not be misunderstood. The parody is suggested by the fact that thefts by Chinese servants are not unknown in the Hongkong Police Stations, and it is reported from Shanghai that Captain Mackenzie, Superintendent of the police force of the 'Model Settlement,' had his razors and samshu cups stolen from his house at the Central Station by a Chinese thief. They know how to deal with Celestial delinquents in Shanghai, and *pour encourager les autres* Captain Mackenzie's thief was sentenced to a year's imprisonment, two hundred blows, a week's solitary confinement in each month, and two hundred blows at the expiration of his sentence, and then deported from the Settlement. This thief is the sort of man who will probably strike for the happier hunting-ground of Hongkong. The lot of the burglar is a happy one in this Isle of Fragrant Streams, thanks to the beneficent, grandmotherly legislation imposed upon us by Exeter Hall.

THE annual meeting of the District Grand Lodge of Hongkong and South China was held last night, when District Grand Master, Right Worshipful Brother the Hon. C. P. Chater, appointed his officers as follows:—D.G.S.W., Wor. Bro. G. C. Cox; D.G.J.W., Wor. Bro. G. L. Tomlin; D. G. Chaplain, Wor. Bro. G. C. Anderson; D. G. Treasurer, Wor. Bro. G. Caldwell; D. G. Registrar, Wor. Bro. S. J. Hanisch; D. G. President of the Board of General Purposes, Wor. Bro. J. Bryant; D. G. Secretary, Wor. Bro. A. O'D. Gourdin; D.G.S.D., Wor. Bro. F. Cass; D.G.J.D., Wor. Bro. H. J. Watson; D. G. Superintendent of Works, Wor. Bro. R. Mitchell; D.G.D.C., Wor. Bro. T. Spafford; D.G.A.D.C., Wor. Bro. A. Jensen; D. G. Sword Bearer, Wor. Bro. F. W. Edwards; D. G. Standard Bearers, Wor. Bro. W. Graham and Bro. G. J. B. Sayer; D. G. Organist, Bro. C. F. G. Grimble; D. G. Pursuivant, Wor. Bro. H. E. A. Holle; D. G. Assistant Pursuivant; Wor. Bro. J. Farrow; D. G. Stewards, Bros. K. W. Mounsey, J. Lochead, D. Hall, C. J. Lafrentz, J. Hutchison, and C. Gray; D. G. Tyler, Wor. Bro. J. R. Grimble. Wor. Bro. P. R. Simmonds and Wor. Bro. W. C. H. Hastings were elected unofficial members of the Board of General Purposes.

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THE first tie for the Football Challenge Shield was played at the Happy Valley on Tuesday between H. Company and D. Company, 14th Regiment. The result was a draw—one goal each.

AT the Magistracy yesterday afternoon the master of the ferry launch *Lün Fat* was committed for trial on a charge of negligently navigating his vessel, without a proper lookout, and running down and sinking Police pinnace No. 4, and causing the death of a Chinese Constable.

THE Christmas number of *The Rattle* is published by Messrs. Kelly and Walsh. It appears for the nonce gorgeous in red and gold. The number is above the average in illustrations and reading matter. There is a very good picture of 'H. E. from Hongkong.'

FOR the eleventh year, Messrs Kelly and Walsh publish their Imperial English and Chinese Diary and Almanac. This compendious work is simply invaluable, and should be on the desk of every business house in China. It is marvellously cheap at a dollar. We recommend the diary to all busy business men.

IN the month of July at an early hour one morning the Blue Funnel steamer *Achilles* steamed out of the harbour unnecessarily blowing her whistle, and as the ship was on her way to Europe, the Police decided to allow her to proceed and prosecute the Captain on his return to the Colony. This afternoon, Captain Harvey of the *Achilles* was fined $10 at the Magistracy. The Captain acknowledged the offence.

TO-MORROW afternoon, on the Happy Valley, a football match will be played between teams representing 'Scotland' and 'The World.' Kick-off at 4.30 p.m. sharp. Players are particularly requested to be punctual. 'The World' will play in colours. The Scottish team is composed of players born in Scotland, with but one exception:—*Scotland*:—E. W. Maitland (H.K. F.C.), goal; Bombardier Briggs (35th, R.A.), and J. Henderson (Kowloon), backs; J. Kipling (Cento), W. Wilson (Kowloon), and Bandsman Buchanan (Cento), halves; D. Symington (Kowloon), D. Gow (Kowloon), F. McSwayed (Kowloon), Gunner Logan (35th, R.A.), and E. F. Mackay (H.K. F.C.), forwards. *The World*:—Lt. Tew (W. Y. R.), goal; J. Chambers (Cento), and Lt. Ryall (W. Y. R.) backs; H. W. Slade (H.K. F.C.), H. W. Looker, (H.K. F.C.), Captain, and Lt. Crowley (W. Y. R.), halves; J. Richards (Cento), H. Simmonds (Kowloon), W. Dalton (Cento), Lt. Logan (W. Y. R.), and Lt. Grayson, (H.K. F. C.), forwards. Referee: Mr F. G. Davies, R.A.

AN alarming fire occurred last night (as briefly reported by us last night) at the village of Tung Lo Wan, between Causeway Bay and Bay View. The fire was first discovered about ten minutes to five o'clock in one of the mat-sheds on Jardine's Ground, and it is said its origin was due to the upsetting of a kerosine lamp in the course of a fight between two coolies. The fire quickly spread to the adjoining buildings principally built of matting, and the conflagration assumed a dangerous appearance, the flames being seen at a distance of several miles. Information of the outbreak was telephoned from No. 1 Police Station to No. 2 Station, and Inspector Mann at once went down to discover the locality of the fire, and afterwards telephoned to the Central Station for the Fire Brigade. Meanwhile the Police, assisted by Mr Kennett, Bowrington Sawmills, rendered valuable assistance in checking the spread of the fire by pulling down the mat-sheds and throwing water on the flames. When the Fire Brigade arrived, under Captain Superintendent May and Inspector Mann, the engines were set to work to play salt water from the nullah on to the flames, and by about six o'clock all danger was past. Between thirty and forty houses were burned to the ground, and it is estimated that about three hundred people have been rendered homeless. Fortunately, no human lives were lost. A large number of pigs were roasted to death. The fire spread so rapidly that the villagers, who are mostly gardeners and coolies, were unable to rescue any of their personal effects. The fire continued to smoulder till a late hour last night.

IN consequence of the high price of rice in Singapore, the collection of the import duty on rice and paddy in British North Borneo is suspended till further notice.

THE Norwegian steamer *Nord*, from Christiania to Hongkong, went ashore on the afternoon of the 20th December, we learn from the *Straits Times*, on Pulo Hantu after leaving New Harbour Wharf. She was got off without damage the same night at eight o'clock.

OUR readers may be interested to know (says the *Navy League Journal*) that a direct descendant of Lord Nelson is serving in the Royal Navy at the present time. This is Lieutenant Nelson-Ward, the grandson of that daughter whom Nelson in his last will commended to the British people. He is on board H.M.S. *Æolus* on the China station, and holds navigating certificates. We hope that Whitehall will keep an eye upon one who is the direct representative of Nelson to-day, and will thus fulfil our great Admiral's dying request. The family of Nelson-Ward is fortunately a large one. Horatia Nelson married the Rev. Philip Ward of Tenterden, Kent, in 1822. She died in 1881, aged 81, and is buried at Pinner. On her grave is the simple inscription—'The adopted daughter of Vice-Admiral Lord Nelson.' Our best wishes are with Lieutenant Nelson-Ward.

THE REBELLION IN THE PHILIPPINES.

DR RIZAL SHOT.

(Special Telegram from Our Own Correspondent at Spanish Headquarters).

MANILA, Wednesday, Dec. 30, 10.20 a.m.

Dr Rizal, who is said to have been the chief organiser of the revolution in the Philippines, was shot here this morning. He displayed great fortitude.

All is quiet in Manila at present.

REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

[SUPPLIED TO THE 'CHINA MAIL.']

LONDON, December 28.

THE NEW GOVERNOR OF INDO-CHINA.

M. Doumer, the ex-Minister of Finance, has been appointed Governor of Indo-China.

THE RISING IN BECHUANALAND.

The Kaffir rising in Bechuanaland is due to the slaughter by the authorities of cattle affected with rinder-pest. The native position of Pokwani has been captured after sharp fighting, in which numbers of Kaffirs were killed, whilst the British loss was *nil*.

The advance of the Capetown Volunteers has been countermanded.

WEATHER NOTICE.

The following notice is issued from the Observatory:—

On the 30th at 11.20 a. The barometer has risen generally, particularly on the China Coast and in the Gulf of Tongking. Pressure is high over China, low probably in E. Japan. Forecast:—fresh N.E. winds; cloudy, dull.

ROYAL HONGKONG YACHT CLUB.

The second race for the Commodore's Cup will be sailed on Saturday, the 2nd January, 1897; first gun at 1.55 p.m. Course:—No. 1 Dock Buoy, Kowloon Rock, Channel Rocks (starboard), mark-board off Meyer's godowns (Bay View) and Kowloon No. 1 Dock Buoy (port); 7½ miles. *Erica, Meteor, Sybil, Maid Marian* allow *Chanticleer*, 1 minute, *Active* and *Princess* 2 min.; *Dart* and *Payne* allow *Ladybird* 2 min., *She* 4, *Eileen* 6, *Elfin* 8, *Seabreeze* 10.

The fifth Club race will be sailed on Sunday, the 3rd Jan., 1897. Course—Kowloon Rock, Channel Rocks, mark boat off Lyemun, Kowloon Rock, and Channel Rocks (leaving all to starboard), 12 miles.

NEW BALMORAL GOLD MINING CO., LTD.

An extraordinary general meeting of shareholders of the New Balmoral Gold Mining Co., Ltd, was held to-day, at the registered offices of the Company, 38 and 40 Queen's Road Central. Mr Hart Buck presided. The others present were:—Messrs H. Humphreys, J. J. Jupp, C. Ewens, S. Rustomjee, E. Georg, W. H. Potts, C. Georg, E. S. Kelly, J. S. Hagen, Captain Clement, W. D. Sutton and Lau Shau.

The Chairman said—Gentlemen, this meeting has been called to confirm the resolutions passed at an extraordinary meeting of the Company held on the 14th inst. I will now move that the first resolution, which is as follows, be confirmed:—'That the Capital of the Company be reduced from $150,000 divided into 50,000 shares of $3.00 each to $50,000 divided into 50,000 shares of $1.00 each and that such reduction be effected by cancelling Capital which has been lost or is unrepresented by available assets to the extent of $2.00 upon each of the 50,000 shares which have been issued and by reducing the nominal amount of all the shares in the Company's Capital from $3.00 to $1.00 per share.'

Mr Rustomjee seconded.

Carried.

The Chairman—I will now propose that the second resolution be confirmed:—'That the Capital of the Company after having been reduced to $50,000 be increased to $125,000 by the creation of 75,000 new shares of $1.00 each to be called 'Preference Shares' to which there shall be attached the special rights and privileges following that is to say:—

(i.) The holders of such preference shares shall be entitled to receive out of the profits of the Company as a first charge a cumulative preferential dividend at the rate of 12 per cent. per annum on the Capital paid up on such shares respectively.

(ii.) Whenever the profits of the Company in respect of any year shall be more than sufficient to pay the preferential dividend aforesaid to the close of such year and also a dividend for such year at the rate of 12 per cent. per annum on $50,000, the Capital of the ordinary shares, the holders of the preference shares shall be entitled to participate in the surplus *pari passu* with the holders of the other shares.

(iii.) The Capital paid up on the preference shares shall not be liable to cancellation or reduction in respect of loss or depreciation.

(iv.) In the event of the winding up of the Company the holders of the preference shares shall be entitled to have the surplus assets applied, first in paying off the Capital paid up on the preference shares held by them respectively, secondly, in paying off the arrears (if any) of the preferential dividend aforesaid to the commencement of the winding up, and thereafter to participate rateably with the holders of other shares in the residue (if any) of such surplus assets which shall remain after paying off the Capital paid up on such other shares.'

Mr Kelly seconded.

Carried.

The Chairman intimated the business of the meeting was concluded.

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THE London *Times* having recently started the Eastern Department in its office with the object of dealing with news in the Eastern countries Mr Chirol, Chief of the Department, is now in Japan on a visit on journalistic business. Mr Chirol visited Count Okuma, Foreign Minister, and had a conversation with him lasting over an hour. So states the *Asahi*. Mr Chirol arrived in Hongkong to-day.

SUPREME COURT.

IN CRIMINAL SESSIONS.

(Before His Honour J. W. Carrington, Chief Justice and a Jury.)

Wednesday, Dec. 30.

THE M'KINLEY FORGERY CASE.

The hearing of the charge against Charles M'Kinley of forging a letter purporting to be written by W. Farmer on 3rd October, was resumed.

Mr J. J. Francis, Q.C., instructed by Mr J. Hastings (of Mr V. H. Deacon's Office) appeared for the prosecution; Mr E. Robinson, instructed by Mr K. W. Mounsey, appeared for the defence.

The jurors sworn were:—Messrs E. J. Main, Chau Cheung Fat, E. Marks, Hung Muck Hoi, Albert Howard, T. F. da Silva Alonco and F. Kiene.

Captain Chodzko, master of the *Hanoi*, in the course of his examination, stated that he brought up the exhibit box from the office of A. R. Marty, at Haiphong.

Mr Robertson, in a long address, in which he quoted several cases as authorities, said there was no case to go to the jury at all. If M'Kinley had written that letter and done no more that would not have been a criminal offence. If this had been a genuine document to accompany a genuine parcel of photographic plates, and Raymond had substituted surreptitiously this parcel of opium, there could be no case of forgery. If they took away the opium there was no fraud whatever in the letter. It might have been circulated all over the Colony and done no harm.

His Lordship said he would not trouble Mr Francis to reply. The first point argued by the learned counsel for the defence, the question had occurred to his mind whether the suggested intents in this case were such as to bring the case within the definition of forgery at common law. He had therefore carefully examined the authorities with a view of determining that question for himself beforehand. He had arrived at an opinion on the matter, but still he thought it right not to stop the learned counsel, thinking that perhaps he had discovered authorities on the case which he had not seen, and which might have shaken the opinion his Lordship had formed. On the whole, he did not think it had shaken his opinion. He thought the intents, at any rate two of them, were such as to bring the case within the definition of forgery. On the point of intent to defraud, he should have to explain that fully to the jury, and he would, therefore, only say that he thought there was sufficient evidence of intent to justify the case being left to the jury certainly with regard to two suggested intents. It was not necessary to prove that intent to defraud any particular person; it was quite sufficient for the jury that such a document was meant to defraud generally, although no person might have been defrauded. There could be no doubt that the letter was a document within the meaning of the definition,—if the letter were a forgery, and if this document then had induced a certain state of things, which caused a certain state of things to be done to the prejudice of the prosecution. The parcel went with the letter, and with it forms part of the scheme which was in the mind of the writer. There was a document, a false document which produced a certain effect to the prejudice of the prosecution. His Lordship said he was of course assuming all these facts, but in point of law he thought this was clearly a document capable of being forged.

The Court then adjourned for tiffin.

Mr Francis addressed the Court after tiffin.

Mr Robinson, in the course of his address, said the introduction of two counts into the indictment was solely for complicating the case and confusing the issues. With regard to the second count, there was not a tittle of evidence that McKinley ever uttered or forwarded that letter or that box. It was only assumed that this letter was in defendant's hand-writing. Whether he made or did not make that box, did not effect the question whether he wrote or did not write that letter. The question was whether Raymond was not compelled to go against McKinley in his own defence if he was a smuggler. He suggested that the whole case might have been a fabrication of Raymond's to defend himself. He might have carried about documents as a precaution, and he could easily have got these sheets of paper from the Victoria Hotel. The whole case was whether this letter was written by Mr McKinley.

The jury returned a unanimous verdict of guilty, and His Lordship passed sentence of fifteen months' imprisonment.

AT a meeting of the shareholders of the Raub Australian Gold Mining Company, held on the 4th inst., at Brisbane, the modified proposal of the Singapore local Committee as to additional stampers was rejected. The proposal was to erect forty additional stampers with electricity as motive power, the original proposal being to make the number eighty. It was believed probable that the modified proposal would be accepted, though the Brisbane Board again repeated their wish to add twenty stampers with steam power to the present plant, an arrangement which the local Committee deprecated. The meeting at Brisbane adopted a motion 'in favour of the Brisbane Board's proposal,' to quote from the telegram received here, but no information is yet to hand as to what that proposal is.—*Straits Times.*

EVEN in these days, when strikes are often organised on the most grotesque and childish grounds, it is amazing to read of a body of workmen 'going out' as a protest against sanitary measures designed to safeguard life and health. This interesting example of perversity comes from Hongkong. Sir William Robinson, in his report to the Colonial Office, gives a detailed account of the affair, which turns out to be a variation of the familiar story of A boycotting B for the purpose of resenting the action of C. Because the Sanitary Board, warned by the experience of the plague at Hongkong, found it necessary to enforce certain bye-laws against crowding and its attendant evils, the coolies, to the number of at least twenty thousand, employed in handling cargoes and coal, as well as those at the various sugar refineries, went out on strike, with the result that for several days last March the trade and shipping of the Colony were paralysed. Vicarious punishment and passive resistance were ingeniously rolled into one transaction; but, as the Governor remarks in his Report, 'it was perfectly clear that the strike was not an economical one, but was, in fact, nothing short of a rebellion on the part of a large section of the inhabitants against the law and the Government.' For Government read railway companies, for shipowners read general public, and for coolies read cabmen, and London supplies a similar instance of aiming at the pigeon and wounding the crow. 'Sweet unreasonableness,' evidently, is world-wide.—*Morning Post.*

SHE—No, George; I like you, but I can never be your wife. He (haughtily)—Never mind. There are others. She—I know there are, George; I accepted one this morning.

HONGKONG AND THE NAVY LEAGUE.

Mr H. E. Pollock, Hon. Secretary of the Hongkong Branch of the Navy League, forwards to us the following letter from the General Secretary:—

London, S.W., 13, Victoria Street, 27th Nov., 1896.

Dear Sir,—By last week's Mail I forwarded two *Daily Chronicles* of the 3rd and 5th November, and would draw your attention to the letters of Mr H. W. Wilson, the Editor of the Navy League Journal, and the Author of 'Ironclads in Action,' and also to that of Sir Charles Dilke.

The former deals with the all important question of the manning of the Fleet. The latter is a review of the Return issued by the House of Commons last August on the 'Navy and the Fleets of Great Britain and other Countries.' This Parliamentary Return, price 6½d., can be obtained from any bookseller.

As the Naval Estimates are now in course of preparation and Mr Goschen and Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, have expressed their opinions in favour of a reduction of those Estimates next year, my Committee think it most important that an expression of opinion should come from every Branch of the Navy League (and we hope from every town in the United Kingdom) urging Government to lay on the table of the House of Commons next March, Naval Estimates which shall be adequate to the needs of this great Empire, and which shall ensure for us in the year 1899 a Fleet of sufficient magnitude to be able to cope satisfactorily with those of any probable combination which might be brought against us.

I shall therefore be obliged if you can arrange for a meeting in your town at an early date, from which a resolution shall emanate to the above effect. However, if this be not possible, I trust you will see your way to calling a meeting of the Members of the Branch of your locality, and that a resolution will be passed, expressing dissatisfaction with the present strength of our Navy, and demanding adequate Naval Estimates in the coming year.

It is abundantly clear, according to the opinions of our highest Naval Experts, including such well-known names as Lord Charles Beresford, Admiral Lord Hood of Avalon, Admiral Sir Vesey Hamilton, the last two of whom were for three years First Sea Lord of the Admiralty, and the latter is now a member of our Executive Committee, that at the present time, our Fleet is *not* strong enough to meet any probable combination which might be brought against us, as we have not enough battle-ships, by at least a dozen (built and building), and we are very far short of the necessary number of Officers and men to man the Fleet.

There is an additional reason why I am most anxious to get an expression of opinion from all our Branches on this subject, namely, the fact that a body called the 'Increased Armaments Protest Committee' has recently been called into existence for the express purpose of endeavouring to stifle our action. Of course, no person who has any knowledge of Naval affairs, or who has made a study of our position, would pay the smallest attention to the statements of this body, but after all, the bulk of our countrymen are at the present time absolutely ignorant regarding the actual strength of our Fleet, and of course they have no notion of its strength as compared with those of other nations.

You will have seen the correspondence in the *Times* of November 21st, and on several dates, entitled, 'Comparative Sea-Power,' and there is no doubt that we shall have more work still to do in refuting the fallacies put forward by the 'I.A.P.C.'

My idea is that we should collect the opinions of all our Branches, and publish them in our Journal which is now increasing its circulation, and its opinions are being quoted in the London Dailies, as well as in the Service papers.

Whenever a wrong statement issues from the 'I. A. P. C.' it will be our endeavour to nail it to the counter. You will find on page 11 of the November Journal, a resolution passed by the Executive Committee of the Navy League, which was widely circulated throughout the Press.

It is important that whatever action you can see your way to take in this matter, should be taken with as little delay as possible. We are arranging for a large number of meetings in different parts of the United Kingdom, in order that the country may speak in no uncertain voice on this subject, as it did at the end of 1888, when by so doing it secured the Naval Defence Act of March 1889, which added 75 new ships to our Fleet, and this in spite of the fact that the first Lord of the Admiralty in December 1888 informed the House of Commons that the Navy was adequate for all purposes.

Trusting that you will accede to the request of my Committee and that you will let me know what action if any, you propose to take,—I remain, dear Sir, Yours very truly,

(SD.) H. T. C. KNOX,
Hon. Secretary to the Navy League.

The Hon. Secretary, Hongkong Branch.

P.S.—I am much obliged by your letter of Oct. 20th giving an account of your Annual Meeting.

30 NEW PIANOS just arrived; best makers. Also Cabin and Transposing Pianos, guaranteed for the climate. W. Robinson & Co.

THE marriage of Mr A. Greig and Mrs Julia Pack, took place at the Protestant Church, Sandakan, on the 3rd instant, and was attended by a large number of the community. Mr Greig, who is the popular Chief Engineer of the s.s. *Deucalion*, has taken a house in Sandakan as his head-quarters while the vessel continues to run between Hongkong and this port.—*B.N.B. Herald.*

IN February (says the London correspondent of the *Manchester Guardian*) seven of the Colonies will change their governors. Lord Glasgow, who will not remain any longer in New Zealand, is coming home fifteen months before his time. Sir Henry Blake's two years' extension in Jamaica will expire. This, perhaps the best post of the seven, is worth £6,000. Trinidad is vacant through the lamented termination of Sir Napier Broome's illness. Sir William Robinson is expected home from Hongkong very soon, and Sir Alfred Moloney from British Honduras. Sir Roger Goldsworthy at Port Stanley, in the far-off Falkland Isles, will also be moving.

A NOTORIOUS house thief appeared at the Mixed Court at Shanghai on the 22nd Dec. He was noticed prowling about the premises of Mr Burkill, Bubbling Well Road, and was detained by the houseboy until handed over to the police. When in custody he confessed to stealing silver plate and a number of valuable articles, in all worth over $200, from Mr McLean, of the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank; but as the things had been sold the native detectives found considerable difficulty in tracing them. Eventually they were all recovered, with the exception of a silver card-case and saltcellar, the detectives having to go forty miles into the country to get some of them.—*China Gazette.*

LATE TELEGRAMS.

(Rangoon Gazette.)

THE PLAGUE IN BOMBAY.

Bombay, Dec. 14.—The plague returns for the last two days officially sent out to-day show 102 new cases and 89 deaths.

Dec. 15.—The plague returns to-day show a slight improvement as regards mortality, being 46 cases and 29 deaths. Bandora reports four cases and two deaths to-day. There have been 24 cases and 19 deaths since the outbreak in October in Bandora which has been the refuge for families from the infected districts of Bombay, and so great has been the demand for house accommodation there that the house owners have in some cases evicted permanent tenants to make room for the refugees who are willing to pay double and treble the ordinary rents. The Bombay Health Officer to-day issued a circular giving directions for the treatment of buildings in which cases have occurred, recommending the free use of disinfectants, lime-washing of walls and the destruction of the clothing and bedding of patients after recovery or death.

Dec. 16.—Another diminution in the mortality in the plague returns is seen today, the numbers being 44 new cases and 29 deaths.

THE ACCIDENT TO AN ORIENT LINER.

London, December 16.—The Orient liner *Oratava*, while coaling at Tilbury, suddenly listed and as the portholes were open she filled rapidly. The hull is submerged. Four persons were drowned.

MAULED BY A TIGER.

Allahabad, December 10.—Lieutenant Alderson, of the Royal Irish, who was mauled by a tiger near Jubbulpore on Tuesday, was bitten by the beast through the right forearm, but both bones and the artery escaped injury. Mr Alderson was brought into Jubbulpore on Wednesday night and is progressing favourably.

THE CURRENCY RESERVE BILL.

Allahabad, December 16.—It is understood the Currency Reserve Bill will be passed to-morrow without the usual reference to a Select Committee. Two crores can thus be made available for use at once and this should lessen considerably the stringency in the money market.

STUDENT DISORDERS IN RUSSIA.

December 15.—Student disorders have taken place at Moscow, St. Petersburg and Kieff. Political documents have been seized and several arrests made.

THE 'MANORA' IN A STORM.

The steamer *Manora* returned to Plymouth yesterday after a terrible experience. All moveable things were swept from the deck and several lascars were injured. A quantity of deck cargo had to be jettisoned. She proceeds on her voyage to-day.

THE MEERUT RIFLE MEETING.

Allahabad, Dec. 16.—The Championships of the British and Native Armies were decided at Meerut on Tuesday. The winner of the British Army Championship is Lieut. J. J. Grubb, Quartermaster of the Queen's (West Surrey) Regiment, who at the entrance of the last stage of the competition, the 900 yards range, was well ahead of any other competitor and won easily with a total score of 304, representing an average of 4.33 points per shot. Sergeant Callaghan of the West Kent Regiment comes second with the Silver Medal, and Captain Scott of the Royal Sussex, gets the third place.

THE SCARCITY IN INDIA.

London, Dec. 14.—*The Times*, in a special article on the famine in India, regrets the impression formed at St. Petersburg that the object of the Russian famine fund for India has not been appreciated by Great Britain, and says that it is regarded here as a genuine and spontaneous offering springing from an impulse of the Russian heart, but the article points out that caution is necessary in considering the bearing of such offers whether emanating from British or Russian sympathy. *The Times* praises the efforts of native charity whereon Government must mainly rely on such occasions, and Government acts wisely in calling forth the utmost resources of Indian charity before approving of any appeals for foreign aid.

RIOT IN BOMBAY PRESIDENCY.

A Bassein correspondent says the fishermen and others of the district have been for some days past engaging in agitation the real origin of which I am unable to ascertain. Meeting of the people have been held and the mobs demanded privileges, such as a lower and fixed rate for grain, from the Collector. The mob assembled and threatened violence. The police were sent for and only succeeded in dispersing the rioters after firing a volley of buckshot among them, the result being the death of two rioters and the wounding of several others. Subsequently an attempt to arrest the ringleaders was frustrated by the flight of the offenders to their boats. The agitation so far from being suppressed is spreading, and the Collector has found it necessary to procure extra police for the district. The people concerned in the disorders are Christians claiming to be Portuguese by descent.

THE *Nanyo Maru* caught fire at Moji on the night of the 14th Dec. The fire was not put out until next morning. She is a vessel of 3,330 tons.

THE certificate of Captain Sommer has been suspended for one month for taking the *Satsuma Maru* out of Yokohama on the 3rd of February last before her safety valve had been closed by the proper official.

IN the course of an interview with a representative of the *Tageblatt* (Berlin) on the 6th ulto. Mr G. Detring is reported to have said 'France and Russia have agreed to the Chinese *ad valorem* duties subject to the assent of Great Britain, which,' he added, 'is certain.'

THE trial of Mrs Edith May Hallowell Carew for the murder of her husband, the late Walter Raymond Hallowell Carew, is set down for Monday, the 4th January, in H.B.M. Court for Japan at Kanagawa (Yokohama). Some sixty jurors have been summoned to appear on that day, but out of this number only five will be selected to form the panel to try the case.—*Japan Mail.*

THEY have a curious custom on the Pootung side of Shanghai district of cremating on the banks of the Huangpu, either two or three days before or after the winter solstice (21st December), all children under five years of age who have died of small-pox during the year. On Friday and Saturday last therefore (says the *N.-C. Daily News* of the 23rd Dec.), people on this side of the river could see numerous funeral pyres burning at Pootung in accordance with the custom. It is believed by those of the Buddhist faith that in cremating the infants their souls will be able the sooner to transmigrate back to the present life. In the neighbourhood of the city of Soochow cremation of infants at this time is also in vogue, but irrespective of the causes of their deaths. This, however, is done for the sake of sanitation, following the custom of the people living north of the Yellow River where cremation of children under six years of age is almost universal.

NEWS BY THE CANADIAN MAIL.

THE DUKE OF YORK WILL NOT VISIT CANADA.

London, Dec. 2.—The *Canadian Gazette* asserts that enquiries made in the highest quarters failed to disclose any intention on the part of the Duke and Duchess of York to pay a visit to Canada in 1897, as it has been stated and widely published that they would do.

THE QUEEN MAY VISIT IRELAND.

Dec. 4.—According to the Dublin correspondent of the *Daily News* there is talk of Queen Victoria visiting Ireland in 1897 in connection with the celebration over her reign having reached the longest period of any English sovereign.

RUSSIA PREPARING FOR AN INVASION.

A despatch from Sebastopol to the *Graphic* contains a description of military preparations in the Caucasus for an expected invasion of Armenia by Russian forces. The despatch says that foreign tourists are not allowed to traverse the military roads, no matter what plenary passports they may have.

THE BANK OF FRANCE.

Paris, Dec. 3.—The Government has decided to accept the principle of the renewal of the charter of the Bank of France for 24 years. The decision will be announced on Friday. The select committee opposed all schemes for a State Bank.

CYCLONE AND FLOODS IN THE WEST INDIES.

Kingston, Jamaica, Dec. 3.—A cyclone accompanied by heavy floods has swept the eastern West Indies causing great loss of life. The St. Vincent and Montserrat estates have been completely wiped out. The islands of Trinidad and Barbadoes have also been flooded causing immense damage, but no loss of life has been reported.

THE DECLINE OF FRENCH TRADE.

Paris, Dec. 3.—The rapid decrease in French trade has become a burning question. M. Charles Rouxi's report to the Chamber shows that the imports and exports for 1895 were 200,000,000 francs below the quinquennial average. M. Rouvier, formerly President of the Council of Ministers and many times Minister of Finance and an advocate of Free Trade, in an interview on this report seemed to think that it was hopeless to struggle against 'the holy doctrine of Protection, which is the doctrine of the majority.' M. Rouxi in an interview considers that the state of affairs is due to the fiscal policy pursued since 1893, and the decline in the shipping interests owing to the enormous cost of building ships in France. He advises the French to buy their ships in Glasgow unless they desire that their tonnage shall become lower than Norway's. He recommends the modification of the tariff and the institution of free ports for the transhipment of merchandise.

BRITISH GUIANA ARMING.

Washington, Dec. 2.—Mail advices received here from British Guiana state that the High Court has appropriated an additional $10,000 for military defence. The resolution recites that the sum is required to carry out the armament began about a year ago, when the Venezuelan boundary trouble assumed an acute form, and when British Guiana invested in two 47 quick-fire guns and two Maxim machine guns. The resolution was not passed without opposition, as one of the members, Mr Gaskin, protested that the next thing they would hear was that the Government wanted them to provide a warship. The question of abandoning the military outposts at Uruan, where previous conflicts with Venezuela have occurred, is being discussed in British Guiana.

FRANCE AND RUSSIA.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 3.—A semi-official note has been issued emphatically denying that there has been a disagreement between France and Russia regarding foreign politics.

THE LOSS OF THE 'ILTIS.'

Berlin, Dec. 1.—The debate on the estimates was resumed to-day in the Reichstag. Admiral Von Hollmann, Secretary of the Navy, declared that in order to replace the German fleet; the value of which was 320,000,000 marks, by new vessels the sum of 32,000,000 marks annually, or 10 per cent of the value of the fleet should be provided in the Budget. The Government, however, he explained, only asked for 20,000,000 marks. Continuing the Secretary of the Navy paid a warm tribute to the sailors of the German warship *Iltis*, who went down with their ship in a storm off the coast of China while cheering for the Emperor. This reference to the gallantry of German sailors was warmly applauded.

AN OXFORD STUDENT DUCKED.

London, Dec. 5.—An extraordinary incident at Oxford, which has been the talk of the week, was the ducking of the author of an article in the University newspaper, *Isis*, attacking the Dean of Christ Church. The writer was seized by Christ Church men and was taken to the town quad, where he was ducked and copies of the paper burned. The editor of *Isis* only escaped a ducking by reason of his delicate health. It is announced to-day that the writer of the article was an American. The Dons have interfered and will send him down. He is reported to be returning to America. The name of the person referred to is not given.

ANOTHER SOCIETY SCANDAL.

Sir Tatton Sykes, the well-known Yorkshire baronet, advertises in the London *Times* that he will not be responsible for his wife's debts. Lady Sykes is quite prominent in racing circles. She was at the bottom of the recent row between Sir Tatton Sykes and Lord Marcus Beresford, the former, for a time, refusing to take over the famous mare, *La Fleche*, at the sale of the late Baron Hirsch's stud in July last, after Lord Beresford, at the instance of Lady Sykes, who had given him *carte blanche*, bid up to 13,230 guineas for the mare, and had her knocked down to him at that price. Sir Tatton, however, relented later, and agreed to pay for *La Fleche.*

THE LIBERAL LEADERSHIP.

It is a pretty well established fact that the question of the leadership of the Liberal party has been settled. Sir William Vernon Harcourt is now the recognised chief. The English papers, mostly Conservative, which predict the re-appearance of Lord Rosebery as leader, are thoroughly at fault. Lord Carrington, who seemed to speak with authority about Lord Rosebery's re-assumption, has not only been contradicted by Lord Rosebery's intimate friends, but is known to have no sanction whatever from His Lordship. The current stories in the English papers of a shortly-to-be-published correspondence between Harcourt, Rosebery and others, are so much humbug. Throughout Lord Rosebery has taken a course of honorable reticence in the interest of the Liberal party.

THE BISMARCK REVELATIONS.

The English court is reported to be still in a state of apprehension concerning the Bismarck revelations. It appears that the Queen and her late Consort, Prince Albert, corresponded confidentially for many years on political and family affairs with the old Emperor William, when the latter was simply King of Prussia, and it is understood that most of these letters, originals or copies, are in the possession of Prince Bismarck, and further revelations may therefore be more piquant in their personal touches.

THE GROWTH OF SHANGHAI.

The growing importance of Shanghai as a trade centre in the Far East is a hopeful sign for an increased demand of both foreign and Chinese artisans and labourers, and when the mills in Yang-tsze-poo are in working order this will necessitate the construction of a considerable number of dwelling houses. A retrospect of old records affords a good idea of the growth of our Model Settlement. In 1867 the foreign hongs both in the English settlement and Hongkew numbered 357, the assessed rental of which was Tls. 317,000; in 1869 the number of hongs had been increased by eighty-eight; in 1873 twenty more were added, and in 1875 these were supplemented by forty-five; in 1880 in the English settlement alone there were 405 hongs, and in Hongkew 241; in 1890 thirty-two hongs were added in the English Settlement, making a total of 437, and in Hongkew, where the value of land in some instances had increased, and is still continuing to increase enormously, 140 hongs have been built, thus bringing the total to 301. This is, of course, as far as could be ascertained up to 1890. The official year for the assessing of land and the enumerating of hongs was 1895, but owing to the war it was deemed advisable to postpone it till this year, and the Municipal officers detailed for that work are now busily engaged in doing it. As regards the building of foreign hongs concerned, it will be seen from the above figures that rapid strides are being made in the Hongkew district, and every plot of land available is being taken advantage of by the Chinese principally, who build houses after the foreign style. On the other hand the growing population, as a matter of course, has caused a great increase of rents, which, in Hongkew district especially, are something enormous now—in some instances having been doubled within two years—and this carries in its train a considerable amount of hardship on the foreigners—we refer to those whose income is small and who live from hand to mouth as it were—who are forced by stress of circumstances to shift to miserable and filthy quarters where the low classes of Chinese are predominant. Some years ago a proposal was mooted to exclude the Chinese from speculating in or buying landed property in the Settlements, but it fell through, because those who purchased landed property in the old days were able to reap handsome profits by selling it to the Chinese. To our minds there seems to be no possible solution of the difficulty at stake, unless the Chinese be expelled from the settlements, which, of course, is out of the question at the present day.—Contributed to the *Shanghai Times.*

'THE NEW WOMAN' IN TIENTSIN.

A Tientsin correspondent writes as follows to the *Mercury*:—

A number of ladies, jealous of the 'smokers' participated in by their liege lords, from which these Peris are exiled, held an indignation meeting yesterday (15th Dec.), over which the Duchess presided, and elected to give a rival 'Smoker' on Saturday in the French Settlement.

Promptly this morning the following witty circular was issued:—

THE AMAZONS! THE AMAZONS!! THE AMAZONS!!!

For One Hour Only.

The above troupe of mixed nationalities and varied and uncertain ages, hitherto unheard of, but determined to make a noise in the world, possessing an enormous amount of latent talent, have decided (against their better judgment) to give a Smoking Concert, on Saturday night, in the French Settlement.

Part I.

Shouting!

Instrumental Strumming!!

Skirt Dancing!!!

Part II.

The World Renowned Tragedy.

'THE CATS' CONCERT OR THE HENS' RETREAT.'

Part III.

That Screaming Farce,

'*Scratching.*'

Tea, coffee, cakes, buns, Welsh rarebits, &c., and antidotes for the evil and injurious effects of nicotinous poisoning and alcoholic saturation will be provided at nominal charges.

GENTLEMEN IN SKIRTS FREE!

Come and See These Wonderful Kittens!!!

Doors open at 8.30. Carriages and ambulances may be ordered for 9.30. A Doctor will be in readiness to attend only on the more serious cases!

Society is on the *qui vive* as to who is the darling author. Some hint it is the sporty Macpherson.

We are told it is *not* true that only ladies in bloomers, bicycle or golf costumes are to be admitted.

We wish the fair smokers every success, and trust that when they meet their lords and masters in the early hours of Sunday morning at their respective doors, they will not be too full (of tea) for utterance.

It is an undesirable fact that a smart set now exists in Tientsin.

YOKOHAMA Grand Hotel 5½ per cent debentures, for $25,000, were applied for twice over.

MR W. S. Gilbert proposes visiting Burma this cold weather to try and find material for a comic opera.

WE regret to record that Ho Chan Hing, the Labuan Spirit Farmer, who had come to Sandakan to tender for the 1897 farms, died here on 1st December. He was a very well-mannered man, and much liked by the officials with whom he came in contact.—*B.N.B. Herald.*

A FEW months ago, at Petriu, in Siam, a French missionary was violently assaulted and left for dead in a ricefield by a band of Chinese, members of a secret society that terrorised the district. The Siamese Government arrested six persons for complicity in the outrage. Their trial before the International Court at Bangkok ended on the 14th December. Of the accused, one was acquitted and the rest were condemned to terms of imprisonment varying from one to four years' hard labour.

THERE is nothing in nature more pathetic, perhaps, than the sight of a lean man and a fat man casting envious glances at each other.

Hongkong Tides.

31st Dec. to 6th January.

Day of Week.	Day of Month.	High Water: Hongkong Mean Time.	High Water: Height.	Low Water: Hongkong Mean Time.	Low Water: Height.
		h. m.	ft. in.	h. m.	ft. in.
Thur.	31	m 7 25 / 6 11	[illegible]	m 0 59 / m 11 20	—0 6 / [illegible]
Fri.	1	m 8 [illegible] / [illegible]	[illegible]	m 1 54 / 0 0 a	[illegible]
Sat.	2	m 9 45 / 7 [illegible] a	[illegible]	m [illegible] / 0 [illegible] a	[illegible]
Sun.	3	m 10 [illegible] / 8 [illegible] a	[illegible]	m [illegible] / 1 [illegible] a	[illegible]
Mon.	4	m 11 [illegible] / [illegible]	[illegible]	m [illegible] / [illegible] a	[illegible]
Tues.	5	m 11 40 / [illegible] a	[illegible]	m [illegible] / [illegible] a	[illegible]
Wed.	6	0 10 a / [illegible] a	[illegible]	m [illegible]	[illegible]

Notices to Consignees.

STEAMSHIP *SYDNEY*.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo from BORDEAUX ex Steamships *Antilles* and *Ville de Dunkerque* in connection with the above Steamer are hereby informed that their Goods—with the exception of Opium, Treasure and Valuables—are being landed and stored at their risk into the Godowns of the HONGKONG & KOWLOON WHARF & GODOWN COMPANY, LD., at Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained immediately after landing.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded on, unless intimation is received from the Consignees before 9 a.m. TO-DAY (Thursday), the 24th Inst., requesting it to be landed here.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Undersigned.

Goods remaining unclaimed after WEDNESDAY, the 30th December, at Noon, will be subject to rent and landing charges.

All Claims must be sent in to me on or before WEDNESDAY, the 30th December, or they will not be recognised.

All Damaged Packages will be examined on WEDNESDAY, the 30th December, at 3 p.m.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX, *Agent.*

Hongkong, December 24, 1896. 2610

NORTHERN PACIFIC STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

STEAMSHIP *OLYMPIA*, FROM TACOMA, VICTORIA, YOKOHAMA, KOBE AND MOJI.

THE above Steamer having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the Vessel will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

DODWELL, CARLILL & Co., *Agents.*

Hongkong, December 29, 1896. 2634

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE PENINSULAR & ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY'S STEAMER *FORMOSA*.

FROM ANTWERP, LONDON, COLOMBO AND STRAITS.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above-named Vessel are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and placed *at their risk* in the HONGKONG AND KOWLOON WHARF AND GODOWN COMPANY'S GODOWNS at Kowloon, where each consignment will be sorted out Mark by Mark and delivery can be obtained as soon as the Goods are landed.

Optional Goods will be landed hereon unless instructions are given to the contrary before 4 p.m., TO-DAY.

Goods not cleared by the 3rd January, at 4 p.m., will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by me in any case whatever.

All Damaged Packages must be left in the Godowns and a certificate of the damage obtained from the Godown Company within ten days after the vessel's arrival here after which no Claims will be recognised.

H. A. RITCHIE, *Superintendent.*

Hongkong, December 28, 1896. 2625

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE PENINSULAR & ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY'S STEAMER *ROSETTA*.

FROM BOMBAY, COLOMBO AND STRAITS.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above-named Vessel are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and placed *at their risk* in the HONGKONG AND KOWLOON WHARF AND GODOWN COMPANY'S GODOWNS at Kowloon, where each consignment will be sorted out Mark by Mark and delivery can be obtained as soon as the Goods are landed.

This Vessel brings on Cargo:—

From LONDON, &c., ex S.S. *Oceana* and *Coromandel*. From AUSTRALIA, ex S.S. *Arcadia*. From PERSIAN GULF, ex S.S. *Baghdad* and *Pembo*.

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Hongkong, December 28, 1896. 2624

GRIMAULT'S SYRUP OF HYPO-PHOSPHITE of LIME

FOR DISEASES OF THE CHEST.

All suffering from **Catarrh, Consumption, Obstinate Coughs** or **Colds** and those affected with diseases of the **Chest, Lungs** and **Bronchial Tubes**, should take

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Prescribed by the leading medical authorities in all countries for the last twenty-five years with the greatest success, it continues to retain its reputation where all other medecines have failed.

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Steamers.

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR KOBE AND YOKOHAMA.

The Co.'s Steamship *Chunsang*, Captain BULLER, will be despatched as above on THURSDAY, the 31st Instant, at 3 p.m.

For Freight or passage, apply to JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., *General Managers.*

Hongkong, December 23, 1896. 2628

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR MANILA *VIA* AMOY.

The Co.'s Steamship *Yuensang*, Captain W. WADDILOVE, will be despatched as above on THURSDAY, the 31st Instant, at 4 p.m.

This Steamer has superior Accommodation for First-class Passengers.

For Freight or Passage, apply to JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., *General Managers.*

Hongkong, December 28, 1896. 2629

FOR SHANGHAI.

The Steamship *Lyeemoon*, Captain G. HEIDEMANN, will be despatched for the above Port on THURSDAY, the 31st Instant, at 4 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to SIEMSSEN & Co.

Hongkong, December 28, 1896. 2632

FOR NEW YORK *VIA* SUEZ CANAL.

The German Steamship *Cassius*, Captain USMER, will load here for the above Port and will be despatched towards end of December.

For Freight or Passage, apply to SIEMSSEN & Co.

Hongkong, December 11, 1896. 2508

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY AND TAMSUI.

The Co.'s Steamship *Formosa*, Captain ROBSON, will be despatched for the above Ports on FRIDAY, the 1st January, at Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co., *General Managers.*

Hongkong, December 29, 1896. 2637

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SAMARANG AND SOURABAYA.

The Steamship *Huych*, Captain QUAIL, will be despatched as above on MONDAY, the 4th January.

For Freight or Passage, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, *Agents.*

Hongkong, December 29, 1896. 2631

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

JAPAN-EUROPE LINE.

MONTHLY SERVICE.

FOR SINGAPORE, COLOMBO, PORT SAID, MARSEILLES, NEWCASTLE, ANTWERP, ZAANDAM AND LONDON.

The Co.'s Steamship *Kagoshima Maru*, Captain TRENNT, will be despatched as above on TUESDAY, the 5th January, at Noon, instead of as previously advertised.

For Freight or Passage, apply to NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

Hongkong, December 24, 1896. 2616

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR PORT DARWIN, QUEENSTOWN AND PORTS, SYDNEY & MELBOURNE.

The Co.'s Steamship *Taiwan*, Captain RAMSAY, will be despatched for the above Ports on TUESDAY, the 5th January, at Noon.

The attention of Passengers is directed to the Superior Accommodation offered by this Steamer. First-class Saloon is situated forward of the Engines. A Refrigerating Chamber ensures the supply of Fresh Provisions during the entire voyage. A duly-qualified Surgeon is carried, and the Vessel is fitted throughout with Electric Light.

For Freight or Passage, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, *Agents.*

Hongkong, December 28, 1896. 2606

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR NEW YORK *VIA* SUEZ CANAL.

The Co.'s Steamship *Polyphemus*, Captain GOODWIN, will be despatched on FRIDAY, the 15th January, 1897.

For Freight or Passage, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, *Agents.*

Hongkong, December 19, 1896. 2584

FOR NEW YORK *VIA* SUEZ CANAL

TO FOLLOW THE S. S. *Polyphemus*.

The Steamship *Port Adelaide*, will be despatched for the above Ports on or about 30th January, 1897.

S. S. *Energia*, to sail about 14th Feb., 1897.

S. S. *Strathdevon*, to sail about 28th Feb., 1897.

A 'Warrack' Steamer, to sail about 15th March 1897.

For Freight or Passage, apply to DODWELL, CARLILL & Co., *Agents.*

Hongkong, December 23, 1896. 2602

Shipping.

Steamers.

GLEN LINE OF STEAM PACKETS.

FOR LONDON *VIA* SUEZ CANAL.

The Steamship *Glengarry*, Capt. FERGUSON, will be despatched as above on or about MONDAY, the 4th January, 1897.

For Freight or Passage, apply to JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., *Agents.*

Hongkong, December 19, 1896. 2577

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR YOKOHAMA AND KOBE.

The Steamship *Changsha*, Captain WILLIAMS, will be despatched as above on WEDNESDAY, the 6th January.

For Freight or Passage, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, *Agents.*

Hongkong, December 28, 1896. 2630

THE CHINA MUTUAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR LONDON AND HAMBURG *VIA* STRAITS AND USUAL PORTS OF CALL.

(Taking Cargo at through rates for GLASGOW, LIVERPOOL, CONTINENTAL PORTS, RIVER PLATE, &c.)

The Co.'s Steamship *Pakling*, H. L. ALLEN, Commander, will be despatched as above on or about the 17th January, 1897.

For Freight, etc., apply to HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co., *Agents.*

Hongkong, December 28, 1896. 2591

Sailing Vessels.

FOR SAN FRANCISCO.

The British Barque *Sunabaya*, REIBERG, Master, will load here for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.

Hongkong, December 7, 1896. 2471

FOR NEW YORK.

The 3/3 *A.I.I.* 3/m. Armor. Ship *William H. Smith*, WILSON, Master, will load here for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to CARLOWITZ & Co.

Hongkong, October 19, 1896. 2114

FOR NEW YORK.

The 3/3 *A.I.I.* American Barque *Penobscot*, Capt. MACLELLAN, will load here for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co.

Hongkong, November 30, 1896. 2408

NOTICE TO SHIPPERS.

FOR SAN FRANCISCO.

The 100 *A.1.* Iron 4-mast British barque *Mattchoria*, Captain J. WILLIAMS, will soon be ready to load for the above Port and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to MELCHERS & Co., *Agents.*

Hongkong, November 28, 1896. 2399

Mails.

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Rates of Passage to other Points on application.

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PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

(SUBJECT TO ALTERATION).

Pelican.....	2,585	Tuesday.	Jan. 5.
Olympia	2,608	Tuesday.	Jan. 19.
Braemar.....	3,601	Tuesday.	Feb. 9.
Tacoma.....	2,549	Tuesday.	Mar. 2.

THE Steamship *PELICAN*, Captain DULLING, sailing at Daylight, on TUESDAY, the 5th January, 1897, will proceed to VICTORIA (B.C.), and TACOMA (Wash.), *vid* KOBE and YOKOHAMA.

Through Bills of Lading issued to Japan, Pacific Coast Points, and to Canadian and United States Points.

Consular Invoices of Goods for United States Points should be in quadruplicate, and *one copy must be sent forward by the steamer* to the care of The Freight Agent, Northern Pacific Railroad, Tacoma, Wash.

Parcels must be sent to our Office (with address marked in full) by 5 p.m., on the day previous to sailing.

For further information as to Passage or Freight, apply to DODWELL, CARLILL & Co., *General Agents.*

Hongkong, December 29, 1896. 2630

Mails.

U. S. Mail Line.

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

VIA INLAND SEA OF JAPAN AND HONOLULU.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

City of Peking (via S'hai, N'saki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama & Honolulu)	THURSDAY, Jan. 7, 1897, at daylight.
China (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea and Yokohama)	TUESDAY, Jan. 26, 1897, at noon.
Peru (via Shanghai, Nagasaki Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama & Honolulu)	SATURDAY, Feb. 13, 1897, at noon.

THE U.S. Mail Steamship *CITY OF PEKING* will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO, *vid* SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, INLAND SEA, YOKOHAMA and HONOLULU, on THURSDAY, the 7th January, 1897, at Daylight, taking Passengers and Freight for all points in the United States, and Europe.

Steamers of this line pass through the INLAND SEA OF JAPAN, and call at HONOLULU, and passengers are allowed to break their journey at any point *en route*.

Through Passage Tickets granted to England, France, and Germany by all trans-Atlantic lines of Steamers, and to the principal cities of the United States or Canada. Rates may be obtained on application.

Passengers holding through ORDERS TO EUROPE have the choice of the Overland Rail routes from San Francisco, including the SOUTHERN PACIFIC, CENTRAL PACIFIC, UNION PACIFIC, DENVER and RIO GRANDE and NORTHERN PACIFIC RAILWAYS; also the CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY on payment of £4 in addition to the regular tariff rate.

Passengers holding orders FOR OVERLAND CITIES in the United States have, between San Francisco and Chicago, the option of the SOUTHERN PACIFIC, CENTRAL PACIFIC, UNION PACIFIC, DENVER and RIO GRANDE and other direct connecting Railways, and from Chicago to destination, the choice of direct lines.

Particulars of the various routes can be had on application.

Special rates (first class only) are granted to Missionaries, members of the Naval, Military, Diplomatic, and Civil Services, to European officials in service of China and Japan, and to Government officials and their families.

Through Bills of Lading issued for transportation to Yokohama and other Japan Ports, to San Francisco, to Atlantic and Inland Cities of the United States, *vid* Overland Railway, to Havana Trinidad, and Demerara, and to ports in Mexico, Central and South America, by the Company's and connecting Steamers.

Freight will be received on board until 4 p.m. the day previous to sailing. Parcel Packages will be received at the office until 5 p.m., same day; all Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full; value of same is required.

Consular Invoices to accompany Cargo destined to points beyond San Francisco in the United States, should be sent to the Company's Offices in Sealed Envelopes, addressed to the Collector of Customs at San Francisco.

For further information as to Passage and Freight, apply to the Agency of the Company, No. 7, Praya Central.

J. S. VAN BUREN, *Agent.*

Hongkong, December 24, 1896. 2590

Occidental & Oriental Steam-Ship Company.

TAKING CARGO AND PASSENGERS TO JAPAN, THE UNITED STATES, MEXICO, CENTRAL AND SOUTH AMERICA, AND EUROPE, *VIA* THE OVERLAND RAILWAYS, AND ATLANTIC & OTHER CONNECTING STEAMERS.

VIA INLAND SEA OF JAPAN AND HONOLULU.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

Doric (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama and H'lulu)	SATURDAY, Jan. 16, at noon.
Belgic (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama and H'lulu)	THURSDAY, Feb. 4, at noon.
Belgic (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea and Yokohama)	TUESDAY, Feb. 23, at noon.

THE Steamship *DORIC* will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO, *vid* SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, INLAND SEA, YOKOHAMA and HONOLULU, on SATURDAY, the 16th January, 1897, at Noon.

Steamers of this line pass through the INLAND SEA OF JAPAN and call at HONOLULU, and passengers are allowed to break their journey at any point *en route*.

Through Passengers Tickets granted to England, France, and Germany by all trans-Atlantic lines of Steamers, and to the principal cities of the United States or Canada. Rates and particulars of the various routes may be obtained upon application.

Special rates (first class only) are granted to Missionaries, members of the Naval, Military, Diplomatic, and Civil Services, to European officials in service of China and Japan, and to Government officials and their families.

Passengers who have paid full fare, re-embarking at San Francisco for China or Japan (*or vice versa*) within one year, will be allowed a discount of 10 per cent. *This allowance does not apply to through fares from China and Japan to Europe.*

All Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full; and same will be received at the Company's Office until 5 p.m. the day previous to sailing.

Consular Invoices to accompany Cargo destined to points beyond San Francisco, in the United States, should be sent to the Company's Offices, addressed to the Collector of Customs, San Francisco.

For further information as to Freight or Passage, apply to the Agency of the Company, No. 7, Praya Central.

J. S. VAN BUREN, *Agent.*

Hongkong, December 29, 1896. 2638

Mails.



STEAM FOR STRAITS, CEYLON, AUSTRALIA, INDIA, ADEN, EGYPT, MEDITERRANEAN PORTS, PLYMOUTH AND LONDON.

Through Bills of Lading issued for BATAVIA, PERSIAN GULF, CONTINENTAL AND AMERICAN PORTS.

THE S.S. *KAISAR-I-HIND*, Captain O. L. DANIEL, carrying Her Majesty's Mails, will be despatched from this for BOMBAY, &c., TO-MORROW, the 31st December, at Noon, taking Passengers and Cargo for the above Ports.

Silk and Valuables, all Cargo for France, and Tea for London (under arrangement) will be transhipped at Colombo into a steamer proceeding direct to Marseilles and London; other Cargo for London, &c., will be conveyed to Bombay.

Parcels will be received at this Office until 4 p.m. on the day before sailing. The contents and value of all packages are required.

Shippers are particularly requested to note the terms and conditions of the Company's Bills of Lading.

For further Particulars, apply to H. A. RITCHIE, *Superintendent.*

P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Office. Hongkong, December 30, 1896. 2561

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD.

NOTICE.

STEAM FOR SINGAPORE, COLOMBO, ADEN, SUEZ, PORT SAID, NAPLES, GENOA, ANTWERP, BREMEN & HAMBURG, PORTS IN THE LEVANT, BLACK SEA & BALTIC PORTS;

ALSO, LONDON, NEW YORK, BOSTON, BALTIMORE, NEW ORLEANS, GALVESTON & SOUTH AMERICAN PORTS.

THE COMPANY'S STEAMERS WILL CALL AT SOUTHAMPTON TO LAND PASSENGERS AND LUGGAGE.

N.B.—Cargo can be taken on through Bills of Lading for the principal places in RUSSIA.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

Bayern	Tuesday....	January 5.
Prinz Heinrich	Tuesday....	February 2.
Preussen.....	Tuesday....	March 2.

ON TUESDAY, the 5th day of January, 1897, at 9 a.m., the Company's S.S. *BAYERN*, Captain B. BLANKE, with MAILS, PASSENGERS, SPECIE, and CARGO, will leave this port as above, *calling at* NAPLES and GENOA.

Shipping Orders will be granted till Noon, on SATURDAY, the 2nd January. Cargo and Specie will be received on board until 5 p.m., on MONDAY, the 4th January, and Parcels will be received (at the Agency's Office) until Noon, on MONDAY, the 4th January. Contents of Packages are required. No Parcel Receipts will be signed for less than $2.50, and Parcels should not exceed Two Feet Cubic in measurement.

The Steamer has splendid Accommodation and carries a Doctor and Stewardess.

Linen can be washed on board.

For further Particulars, apply to MELCHERS & Co., *Agents.*

Hongkong, December 11, 1896. 2512

Intimations.

A TERRIBLE COUGH.
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A TERRIBLE COUGH.

"94, Commercial Road, Peckham, July 12.

"Dear Sir,—I am a poor hand at expressing my feelings, but I should like to thank you. Your lozenges have done wonders in relieving my terrible cough. Since I had the operation of 'Tracheotomy' (the same as the late Emperor of Germany, and unlike him, thank God, I am still alive) performed at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, no one could possibly have had a more violent cough: it was so bad at times that it quite exhausted me. The mucous, which was very copious and hard, has been softened, and I have been able to get rid of it without difficulty.—I am, sir, yours truly, J. HILL."

A DOCTOR'S TESTIMONY.
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A DOCTOR'S TESTIMONY.

"South Park, Cardiff, South Wales, Sept. 28, 1893.

"I have, indeed, great pleasure in adding my testimony to your excellent preparation of Cough Lozenges, and I have prescribed it now for the last eight years in my hospitals and private practice, and found it of great benefit. I often suffer from Chronic Bronchitis; your Lozenge is the only remedy which gives me immediate ease. Therefore I certainly and most strongly recommend your Lozenges to the public who may suffer from Catarrh, Bronchitis, Winter Cough, or any kind of Pulmonary Irritation.—Yours truly,

"A. GABRIEL, M.D., L.R.C.P. and L.M. Edinburgh, L.R.C.S. and L.M. Edinburgh.

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Twin Screw Steamships—6,000 Tons—10,000 Horse power—Speed 19 knots.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

EMPRESS OF CHINA...Comdr. R. ARCHIBALD, R.N.R....WEDNESDAY, 20th Jan./97.
EMPRESS OF INDIA....Comdr. O. P. MARSHALL, R.N.R..WEDNESDAY, 17th Feb./97.
EMPRESS OF JAPAN...Comdr. GEO. A. LEE, R.N.R.....WEDNESDAY, 17th Mar./97.

THE magnificent Steamships of this Line pass through the famous INLAND SEA OF JAPAN, and usually make the voyage YOKOHAMA TO VANCOUVER (B.C.) in 12 DAYS, making close connection at Vancouver with the PALATIAL TRANS-CONTINENTAL TRAINS of the CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY which leave daily, and cross the Continent FROM THE PACIFIC TO THE ATLANTIC WITHOUT CHANGE. Close connection is made at Montreal, Quebec, Halifax, New York and Boston with all Trans-Atlantic Lines, which passengers to Great Britain and the Continent are given choice of.

Passengers booked through to all principal points and AROUND THE WORLD. Return tickets to various points at reduced rates, Good for 4, 6, 9 and 12 months.

SPECIAL RATES (first class only) granted to Missionaries, Members of the Naval, Military, Diplomatic and Civil Services, and to European Officials in the Service of China and Japan Governments.

CIRCULAR PACIFIC TOUR TICKETS Hongkong to Vancouver, Vancouver to Sydney Australia via Honolulu, and Sydney to Hongkong via Brisbane and Torres Straits, Good for 9 months £100.

The attractive features of this Company's route, embrace its PALATIAL STEAMSHIPS, (second to none in the World), the LUXURIANCE OF ITS TRANS-CONTINENTAL TRAINS (the Company having received the highest award for same at recent Chicago World's Exhibition) and the diversity of MAGNIFICENT MOUNTAIN AND LAKE SCENERY through which the Railway passes.

THE DINING CARS AND MOUNTAIN HOTELS of this route are owned and operated by the Company, and their appointments and Cuisine are unexcelled.

For further information, Maps, Guide Books, Rates of Passage, etc., apply to D. E. BROWN, *General Agent*, PEDDER STREET.

Hongkong, December 24, 1896. 2609

Intimations.

THE CHINA & JAPAN TELEPHONE COMPANY, LIMITED.

LIST OF SUBSCRIBERS TO THE HONGKONG TELEPHONE EXCHANGE.

No.

A

129.—Aberdeen, Paper Mills Office.
130.—Aberdeen, Paper Mills.
124.—Ah Yan.
40.—Anderson, Capt., East Point.
24.—Anderson, Capt., Praya Central.
8.—Arnhold, Karberg & Co.

B

155.—Buck, J. M., Residence.
143.—Bell Asbestos Co.
148.—Benjamin, Kelly & Potts.
66.—Blackhead & Co.
65.—Blackhead, F., Residence.
96.—Bradley & Co.
151.—Brick Co., Deep Water Bay.
122.—Burnie, Goddard, &, Capts.
39.—Butterfield & Swire, Peak Residence.
36A.— Do. do. Quarry Bay.
18.— Do. do. Shipping Office.
36.— Do. do. Sugar Office.

C

[illegible], Mackenzie & Co.
42.—Canadian Pacific Railway Co.
126.—Canton Insurance Co.
133.—Carlowitz & Co.
111.—Carmichael & Co.
134.—Carmichael H. F., Residence.
152.—Chai On Insurance Co., Ld.
128.—Chan Choy, Residence.
22.—'China Mail' Office.
72.—China Sugar Refinery, East Point.
71.— Do. do. Town Office.
100.—Chow Fung Shang, Residence.
149.—Club Germania.
11.—Club, Hongkong.
116.—Do. Lusitano.
10.— Do. Peak.
153.—Com. Union Assurance Co.
87.—Compradore, D. Lapraik & Co., Office.
88.— Do. do. Residence.
78.—Cousins, J. B., Office.

D

12.—'Daily Press' Office.
85.—Dairy Farm Co., Office.
67.—Dairy Farm, Pok-foo-lum.
121.—Deaby, W.
73.—David, A. J., Residence.
60.—David & Co.
123.—Detective Dept., (Chinese).
23.—Dock, Aberdeen.
20.—Dock Co.
80.—Dr. Atkinson, Residence.
105.—Dr. Clark, Residence.
76.—Dr. Hartigan, Residence.
2.—Drs. Hartigan, Stedman and Rennie.
23.—Dr. Jordan, Office.
43.— Do. Residence.
159.—Dr. Paulun Office.
127.—Dr. Paulun, Residence.
55.—Dr. Stedman, Residence.
162.—Dr. Thomson, Office.
163.— Do. Residence.
41.—Dodwell, Carlill & Co.
17.—Douglas Lapraik & Co.

E

136.—Edye, Surg.-Capt., Residence.
68.—Electric Co.
68A.—Electric Co., Residence.

F

142.—Fenwick, Geo. & Co.
74.—Fletcher & Co.

G

135.—Gaude, Price & Co.
132.—Garrels, J. H., Residence.
43.—Gas Co., East Point.
47.— Do. West Point.
150.—Gaupp & Co.
31.—Gibb, Livingston & Co.
6.—Godown Co., Office.
21.—Godown, Kerosine.
7.—Godown, Kowloon.
3.— Do. West Point.
44.—Government House.

H

156.—Hall, F. W., Residence.
50.—Harbour Office.
99.—Harling, Buschmann & Mentzell.
86.—Harling, G., Residence.
29A.—Harrison, W. Stuart, Residence.
95.—Haskell, D., Residence.
92.—Hermann, C., Residence.
113.—Hin Kee & Co.
27.—Holliday, Wise & Co.
101.—H. C. & M. S. Co., Office.
102.—H. C. & M. S. Co., Wharf.
126.—Hongkong Fire Insurance Co.
9.—H. & S. Bank.
84.—H. & S. Bank, Mess.
1.—'Hongkong Telegraph' Office.
26.—Hospital, Alice Memorial.
80A.— Do. Government Civil.
3.— Do. Peak.
32.—Hotel, Hongkong, Public Telephone.
35.— Do. Mount Austin.
58.— Do. New Victoria.
29.— Do. Peak.
82.—Ho Tung, Praya West.
77.— Do. Praya Central.
59.— Do. Residence.
97.—Humphreys, J. D., Residence.
98.—Humphreys, J. D., & Son.

K

108.—Kaw Hong Take
64A.—Kennedy, J., Causeway Bay.
64.— Do. do. Horse Repository.
107.—Kin Fat Hong.
141.—Kinghorn, J. W., Office.
120.—Kirch & Co.
70.—Kramer, J., Residence.
151.—Kruse & Co.

L

91.—Lamke & Rogge.
97.—Lane, Crawford & Co.
117.—Land Investment Co.
89.—Layton, B., Office.
90.— Do., Residence.

M

106.—Mau Shuen Yuen.
98.—Mun On Insurance Co.
118.—Marty, A. R.
112.—Melchers & Co.
131.—Meyer & Co.
157.—Michaelsen, St. C., Residence.
155.—Mitsui Bussan Kaisha.

N

125.—Nam Tai Insurance Co.
5.—Nam Wo & Co.
146.—National Bank.
110.—Naval Hospital.
109.—Naval Yard.
115.—Nethersole Hospital.

O

119.—Opium Factory.
40.—Opium Farm.

P

19.—P. & O. S. N. Co.
69.—P. & O. Mess, Peak.
147.—Playfair, G. W. F., Residence.
15.—Police Station, Central.

R

34.—Ray, E. C., Residence.
51.—Ray and Davies.
103.—R. E. Guard Room.
104.—R. E. Mess.
140.—Reuter, Brockelmann & Co.
19A.—Ritchie, H. A.
30—Ritchie, H. A., Residence.
45.—Rope Factory.

S

13.—Sachse, P., Residence.
52.—Sailors' Home.
4.—Sanitarium, Pok-foo-lum.
94.—Sassoon, M. S. & Co.
49.—Shewan & Co.
81.—Siemssen & Co.
130.—Soap Factory, Shaukiwan.
100.—Sperry Flour Co.
61.—Stevens, G. R., Office.
62.— Do. do. Residence.
153.—Straits Insurance Co.
53.—Sui Kut Bank.

T

14.—Telegraph Companies.
28.—Tomes, C. A., Residence.
137.—Tong Lee Chan, Office.
138.—Tong Lee Chan, Shaukiwan.
54.—Tram Station, Peak.
93.—Tung Kee.

W

16.—Watson & Co.
6.—Wharf & Godown Co., Head Office.
7.—Wharf & Godown Co., Kowloon.
164.—Wharf & Godown Co., Wanchai.
33.—Wharf & Godown Co., West Point.
57.—Wickham, W. H., Residence.
144.—Wing Kee & Co., Office.
145.— Do., Godown.
63.—Wo Kee & Co.
83.—Wright & Co.

Y

161.—Yau Wop Co.
38.—Yuen Fat Hong.
79.—Yeun Lam Kee.

PRIVATE TELEPHONE LINES.

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Lantz, Wegener & Co.
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North China Insurance Co.
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Hongkong, December 14, 1896. 1979

HONGKONG MARKET PRICES.

Corrected to Saturday, December 26, 1896.

At 1020 Cash per Dollar Mexican.

		Prices. Highest. Cash.	Lowest. Cash.	Chinese Names.
Butcher Meat.				肉食
Bacon, English,	lb.	—	—	來路烟猪肉
,, Amo. Sugar cured	,,	350	—	花旗烟猪肉
,, Foochow,	,,	200	—	福州烟猪肉
,, Japan, cured	,,	—	—	日本烟猪肉
Beef sirloin & prime cut,	catty	140	—	尾龍扒
,, Corned,	catty	140	—	鹹牛肉
,, Roast,	,,	140	—	燒牛肉
,, Soup,	,,	100	—	汤肉
,, Steak,	,,	140	—	牛肉趕
Bullock's Brains,	per set	60	50	牛腦
,, Tongue fresh,	each	—	—	牛腳
,, ,, corned	,,	350	—	鹹牛利
,, Head,	,,	500	—	牛頭
,, Heart,	,,	150	—	牛心
,, Hump, Salt	catty	140	—	牛肩
,, Feet,	each	60	50	牛蹄
,, Kidneys,	,,	50	—	牛腰
,, Tail,	,,	100	—	牛尾
,, Liver,	catty	70	—	牛肝
,, Tripe (undressed)	catty	60	50	牛肚
Calves Head and Feet,	set	500	—	牛仔頭脚
Hams, American,	lb.	380	—	花旗火腿
,, Chinese,	,,	—	—	金華火腿
,, English, New,	,,	420	—	來路火腿
,, Japan cured,	,,	—	—	日本火腿
,, Shanghai,	,,	180	—	上海火腿
Mutton Chop,	,,	150	—	羊扒骨
,, Leg,	,,	150	—	羊腿
,, Shoulder,	,,	120	—	羊手
Pigs' Chitlings,	catty	70	60	猪腸
,, Feet,	,,	110	—	猪脚
,, Fry,	,,	160	—	猪雜
,, Head,	each	500	450	猪頭
,, Heart,	,,	50	40	猪心
,, Kidneys,	pair	—	—	猪腰
,, Liver,	lb.	160	—	猪肝
Pork, Chop,	catty	190	—	猪牌骨
,, Corned,	,,	—	—	鹹猪肉
,, Leg,	,,	190	—	猪髀
,, Fat or Lard,	,,	140	—	猪油
Sheeps' Head and Feet,	set	360	—	羊頭脚
,, Heart,	each	50	40	羊心
,, Kidneys,	,,	70	—	羊腰
,, Liver,	lb.	150	140	羊肝
Sucking Pigs,	each	$1.75	$1.25	猪仔
Dust, Beef,	lb.	110	—	生牛油
,, Mutton,	,,	100	—	生羊油
Veal,	catty	130	—	牛仔肉
Poultry.				生口
Chicken,	catty	200	—	鷄仔
Capons,	,,	250	—	閹鷄
Ducks,	,,	150	—	鴨
Doves,	each	—	—	斑鳩
Eggs, Hen	doz.	100	—	鷄蛋
,, Duck	,,	110	—	鴨蛋
Fowls,	catty	170	—	鷄
Geese,	,,	160	—	鵝
Hares,	each	700	—	兎仔
Musk Deer,	,,	$3.50	—	麝鼠
Partridges,	,,	400	—	鷓鴣
Pigeons,	,,	170	—	白鴿
Pheasant,	brace	$1.50	—	上海山鷄
Rice Birds,	doz.	—	—	禾花雀
Quail	each	100	—	鶉鳥
Snipe,	,,	150	—	沙鷄
Turkeys, Cock,	catty	350	—	火鷄公
,, Hen,	,,	400	—	火鷄母
Teal,	each	280	—	水鴨
Wild Ducks,	pair	$1.00	—	上海水鴨
Fish.				海鮮
Barbel,	catty	160	—	鯇魚
Bream,	,,	—	—	鯛魚
Bombay Ducks,	100 pieces	250	—	孟咪魚
C'ton Fresh Water Fish,	catty	—	—	海魚
Carp,	,,	90	—	鯉魚
Catfish,	,,	—	—	赤魚
Codfish, Salt,	,,	—	—	鹹鱈魚
Crabs,	,,	110	—	蟹
Cuttle Fish,	,,	100	—	墨魚
Dab,	,,	60	—	沙魚
Dace,	,,	90	—	黃尾鯽
Dog Fish,	,,	—	—	鉄倒沙
Eels, Congor,	,,	—	—	海鰻
,, Fresh water,	,,	200	—	淡水鰻
Eels, Yellow,	,,	—	—	黃鰻
File Fish,	,,	—	—	剝皮洋
Frogs,	,,	200	—	田鷄
Fresh Fish,	,,	80	—	鮮魚
Garoupa,	,,	180	—	石斑
Gudgeon,	,,	90	—	白鮫仔
Gurnard,	,,	80	—	紅角
Herrings,	,,	100	—	鯡白
,, smoked	box	—	—	鯡熏
Halibut,	catty	90	—	牛扁甲
Labrus,	,,	100	—	青衣
Loach,	,,	130	—	鱓魚
Lobsters,	,,	110	—	龍蝦
Mackerel,	,,	—	—	鯖魚
Mottle Fish,	,,	—	—	老虎
Mullet,	,,	130	—	鯔魚
Oysters,	,,	180	—	生蠔
Perwinkle,	,,	130	—	螺仔
Perch,	catty	90	—	鱸
Pike,	,,	300	—	花鯪魚
Plaice,	,,	300	—	斑魚
Pomfret, White	,,	150	—	白鯧
Pomfret, Black	,,	120	—	黑鯧
Prawns,	,,	220	—	明蝦
Ray,	,,	50	—	琵琶沙
Rock Fish,	,,	80	—	石狗公
Roach,	,,	—	—	鱊魚
Salmon, (Carlton),	,,	180	—	馬友魚
Shark,	,,	50	—	鯊魚
Salt Fish,	,,	100	—	鹹魚
Skate,	,,	50	—	鯆魚
Shrimps,	,,	200	—	蝦
Snapper,	,,	100	—	立魚
Soles,	,,	120	—	龍沙魚
Tench,	,,	—	—	鯽魚
Turbot,	,,	100	—	左口魚
Turtles, small, fresh water,	,,	200	—	龍龜
Whiting,	catty	—	—	長魚
White Bait,	,,	—	—	鹹魚仔
Fruits.				菓子
Apples, (California),	catty	150	—	金山平菓
,, (Tientsin),	,,	—	—	天津平菓
,, (Japan),	,,	—	—	日本平菓
Bananas, fragrant,	,,	30	—	香蕉香蕉
,, (brides),	,,	—	—	山香蕉
Chestnuts, Chinese,	,,	100	—	栗菓
Carambola,	,,	100	—	楊桃
Cocoanuts,	each	50	—	椰子
Ground Nuts,	catty	100	—	花生
Grapes,	,,	170	—	鮮提子
Lemons, China,	,,	60	—	檸檬
,, Peel,	,,	—	—	橘餅
Lichees, Dried,	,,	250	—	荔枝乾
,, Fresh,	,,	—	—	荔枝
Limes,	,,	—	—	檸檬
Mango, (Saigon),	each	—	—	安南芒菓
,, (Manila),	,,	—	—	呂宋芒
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Pine-apples,	each	50	—	李蛇菠蘿
Pears,	catty	—	—	沙梨
,, (Tientsin),	,,	100	—	天津雪梨
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,, Pudding,	,,	—	—	葡萄
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Brinjals, Green,	catty	30	—	青茄
,, Red,	,,	40	—	紅茄
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STORIES ABOUT THACKERAY.

One of the prettiest of the many charming anecdotes of Thackeray was told by Douglas Jerrold. He was one morning at the chambers of Mr Horace Mayhew, in Regent-street, when Thackeray knocked at the door and cried, 'It's no use, Porry Mayhew, open the door!'

'It's dear old Thackeray,' said Mr Mayhew, joyfully, as he opened the door.

'Well, young gentleman,' said Thackeray, cheerily, as he entered, 'you'll admit an old fogy.'

He took up the papers lying about the room, and talked with the two young men of various matters of the day. Then he took up his hat to go, but as if he suddenly remembered something he paused at the door.

'I was going away,' he said, 'without doing part of the business of my visit. You spoke the other day at the dinner'—referring to the 'Punch' weekly meeting—'of poor George. Somebody—most unaccountably—has returned me a five-pound note I lent him a long time ago. I didn't expect it; so just hand it to George, and tell him, when his pocket will bear it, just to pass it on to some poor fellow of his acquaintance.'

With a nod the tall, genial-faced author went hastily out of the room.

Thackeray was a constant attendant of the 'Punch' dinners, and an important member of the council which discussed and decided upon the contents of the forthcoming numbers. It is hinted that he and Douglas Jerrold, who always sat next him, sometimes squabbled a little, but nothing ever came of it.

'There is no use of our quarrelling,' Thackeray would say with irresistible good humour and logic, 'for we must meet again next week!'

When Thackeray went down to Reading to lecture at its Literary Institute—then a flourishing young organisation, and able to attract the best men of the day—he was received by the secretary and one of the committee in the ante-room. Thackeray's manner was inclined to be haughty, but catching sight of a portrait on the wall, he remarked—'Ha! so you have there a portrait of my old friend Gustavus Adolphus!'

At that moment the caretaker was crossing the floor with wine and biscuits; but hearing Thackeray's remark, he stopped suddenly, as though withholding the refreshment, and said in a tone of superior knowledge—'No, sir, you are mistaken; that is the King of Sweden.

At this a thaw set in, and Thackeray related, with a smile, how the moment he emerged from the railway station he had told a hackney coachman to drive him to the nearest hotel. The driver closed the door ceremoniously, mounted his box, and they started. In half a minute the cab was at a standstill, and Thackeray saw the cabman at the door, bowing to him to come out. He did so without a word, and found that he was at the portico of the station hotel, which he had failed to see was not a dozen yards distant.

But he handed the man a shilling, and was entering the hotel, rather pleased with his own sang froid, when he was amazed to see the cabman taking off his coat and offering to 'fight him for the other sixpence.'

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They do and say some queer things in the Australian Assemblies sometimes, says the *Calcutta Englishman*. During a recent discussion in the Victoria Parliament on the destruction of game, one hon. member exhibited an enormous gun to the astonished legislators. 'This, Mr Chairman, is a duck gun,' he said, holding it so as to show its proportions off to the best advantage; but before he had finished the sentence, the Chairman had left the Chamber, veiling his flight under the shallow pretence that the refreshment hour had arrived. At this the members laughed heartily, yet as the muzzle swept down the seats opposite the orator, they too 'silently stole away.' Pausing for an instant in the course of its orbit on a line with the reporters' gallery, the occupants realized that time (the refreshment time) was fleeting, and accordingly fled with it. This beats Burke and his dagger with ease, for it will be remembered that that dramatic episode altogether failed to produce any effect upon the House of Commons. We of the *Pinang Gazette* can, also, recollect how the present Lord Londonderry levelled a whole row of undergraduates at Oxford, when with his pointed gun he followed a pigeon, as it flew about five feet above the ground, from the trap to that portion of the field behind his lordship's original position, where the spectators of the shooting match had taken their stand. Each man dropped to the ground as the offensive looking muzzle was directed at his head, and had the future Marquess, he was then only Lord Seaham, discharged his weapon, not a single individual man of the party of 53 would have fallen to the ground, for they all were there already, and rolling on it.

TOMMY ATKINS AND HIS COFFIN CLUB.

A story is told by the *Admiralty and Horse Guards Gazette* of a youthful Tommy Atkins, lately arrived in India, who having had the benefit of a School Board education, was able to make something out of the rather complicated account presented him for signature by the colour-sergeant on the first settling day. One of the items ran 'Subscription to coffin club, one rupee.' The new arrival had in his day made the acquaintance of many kinds of clubs, but how any benefit was to be derived from a coffin was a poser. Surely it was the very refinement of cruelty to make a man pay beforehand for the coffin they proposed to bury him in after he had been made the victim of their pranks. 'It must be coffee club,' he thought, but he had had no coffee, so he repaired to the colour-sergeant with an expostulation. He was then informed that it was the order that every man should be stopped one rupee per month until the price of a coffin—some fifteen rupees—had been recovered. The coffin club invested this money in the regimental soda-water machine. If he died he need not bother himself any more about it, the machine would stand him a decent burial; if he survived, when he left the country he would receive back his subscription and a handsome share of the profits on soda-water—a nice little nest egg till his deferred pay fell due. The coffin club was merely a co-operative society for the benefit of the soda-water machine and the survivors. No doubt it flourishes, and should be a profitable investment, but surely the representatives of the dead man have some claim to a share of the profits of the coffin club; besides, many in India are, for various reasons, buried coffinless. What becomes of their subscriptions? Although somewhat startled, the youthful Atkins recognised the soundness of the investment. He is now well on the road to a considerable share, for last summer was a thirsty one in the East, and many have also ceased to trouble themselves about the profits of the machine or the club.

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SHARE LIST.—QUOTATIONS.—DECEMBER 30, 1896.

Stocks.	No. of Shares.	Value.	Paid-up.	Closing Quotations, Cash.
BANKS.				
Hongkong and Shanghai Bank Corp.	50,000 $	125	all	181 ¼ prem.=$351.25
Bank of China & Japan, Limited } preference shares	30,950 £	5	£ 5	nom.
" ordinary "	199,575 £	8	£ 2.10	nom.
" deferred "	1,250 £	1	£ 1	£5
National Bank of China, Limited...	... £	10	£ 8	$26
MARINE INSURANCES.				
Canton Insurance Office Co., Ld.....	10,000 $	250	$ 50	$132½, sellers
China Traders' Insurance Co., Ld...	24,000 $	83.33	$ 25	$74½, sales
North-China Insurance Co., Ld.....	5,000 £	100	£ 25	Tls. 195
Straits Insurance Co., Ld.....	30,000 $	10	$ 20	$26, sales and sellers
Union Insurance Society, Ld.....	10,000 $	250	$ 50	$220, sales and buyers
Yangtsze Insurance Association, Ld.	8,000 $	100	$ 60	$144, sellers
FIRE INSURANCES.				
China Fire Insurance Co., Ld.	20,000 $	100	$ 20	$103, sellers
Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Ld...	8,000 $	250	$ 50	$365
DOCK.				
H'kong & Whampoa Dock Co., Ld.	12,500 $	125	all	214 % prm.,=$392.50, sales [and buyers
STEAMBOATS.				
China and Manila S. S. Co., Ld.	5,000 $	50	all	$67, sales and sellers
Douglas Steamship Co., Limited.....	20,000 $	50	all	$57, sales
HK. C. and M. Steamboat Co., Ld.	80,000 $	15	$ 15	$32½, buyers
Indo-China S. N. Company, Limited	60,000 £	10	all	$40
China Mutual S. N. Co.	20,000 £	10	£ 10	£7, sellers
			£ 10	£6
Do. (new issue).	20,000 £	10	£ 5	£2.5, sellers
REFINERIES.				
China Sugar Company, Limited.....	20,000 $	100	all	$134, sales
Luzon Sugar Company, Limited. ...	7,000 $	100	all	$45, sales and buyers
WHARVES.				
HK. & Kow. Wharf & Godown Co.	20,000 $	50	all	$69, sellers
Wanchai Warehouse and Storage } Company, Limited.	2,600 $	100	$ 37½	$45
LAND AND BUILDING.				
Hongkong Land Investment and } Agency Company, Limited.....	50,000 $	100	$ 50	$75½, sales and buyers
Kowloon Land and Building Com- } pany, ...	6,000 $	50	$ 30	$17, sellers
Humphreys' Estate & Finance Co...	25,400 $	10	all	$9, buyers
West Point Building Co., Limited.	12,500 $	50	$ 40	$18½, buyers
TRAMWAYS.				
HK. High-Level Tramways Co., Ld.	1,250 $	100	all	$93, ex div., sellers
MINING.				
Jelebu Mining & Trading Co., Ld...	40,000 $	5	all	$2.65, sellers
Punjom Mining Co., Ld.....	60,000 $	4	all	$12, sales
Société Francaise des Charbon- } nages du Tonkin.....	12,000 Fcs.	500	all	$60, sellers
New Balmoral Gold M'ing Co., Ld.	50,000 $	3	all	$1.15, sales and buyers
Raub Aust. Gold Mining Co., Ld....	200,0000 £	1	13/10	$9, sellers
Oliver's Freehold Mines, Ltd.....	A 15,000 $	5	$ 5	$5, sellers
	B 10,000 $	5	$ 2½	$2½, sellers.
	25,000 $	5	$ 1	$1
PLANTING, ETC.				
China-Borneo Company, Ld.	7,500 $	100	$ 55	nom.
H. G. Brown & Co., Limited. in liq.	5,000 $	50	all	in liq.
HOTELS, ETC.				
Hongkong Hotel Company, Ld.....	12,000 $	50	all	$30½, buyers
DISPENSARIES.				
A. S. Watson & Co., Limited.....	60,000 $	10	all	$12.25, sales and sellers
Dakin, Cruickshank & Co., Ld.....	50,000 $	5	all	nom.
LIGHTING.				
HK. and China Gas Co., Limited...	7,000 £	10	all	$110
Hongkong Electric Co., Limited. ...	30,000 $	10	$ 8	$8.50, sales and buyers
BRICK AND CEMENT.				
Green Island Cement Co., Ld.	20,000 $	10	$ 10	$18½, buyers
MISCELLANEOUS.				
Bell's Asbestos Eastern Agency, } Ld.	3,000 £	1	£1	$9
	7,000 £	1	£ 15/-	$7½, sellers
Campbell, Moore & Co., Limited....	1,200 $	10	all	$5
Geo. Fenwick & Co., Limited.	6,000 $	25	$ 25	$29½, sales and buyers
Hongkong Bakery Company, Ld. ...	600 $	50	all	$30
Hongkong Dairy Farm Co.....	10,000 $	7½	$ 5	$5, nom.
Hongkong Ice Company, Limited...	5,000 $	25	all	$108, buyers
H'kong Rope Manufactory Co., Ld.	5,000 $	50	all	$145
Ewo Cotton Spinning and Weav- } ing Co., Ld., ...	10,000 Tls.	100	Tls 100	Tls. 60
International Cotton Manufactur- } ing Co., Ld., ...	10,000 Tls.	100	Tls 100	Tls. 90
Laou-Kung-Mow Cotton Spinning } and Weaving Co., Ld.	8,000 Tls.	100	Tls 100	Tls. 90
Carmichael & Co., Ld.....	2,000 $	25	$ 20	$6
Soy Chee Cotton Spinning Co., Ld...	2,000 Tls.	500	Tls 600	Tls. 525

* Founder's shares

LOANS.	Amount.	Value.	Interest.	Quotation.
Chinese Imperial 1896 a	Tls. 767,200	Tls. 259	7 % p. annum	10 % prem.

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Merchant Vessels in Hongkong Harbour.

Exclusive of late Arrivals and Departures reported to-day.

To facilitate finding the position of any vessel in the Harbour, the Anchorage is divided into eleven Sections, commencing from Green Island. Vessels near the Hongkong shore are marked *h.*, near the Kowloong shore *k.*, and those in the body of the Shipping or midway between each shore are marked *c.*, in conjunction with the figures denoting the sections.

Section.
1. From Green Island to the Gas Works.
2. From Gas Works to Jardine's Wharf.
3. From Jardine's Wharf to the Harbour Master's Office.
4. From Harbour Master's to the P. & O. Co.'s Office.
5. From P. & O. Co.'s Office to Peddar's Wharf.
6. From Peddar's Wharf to the Naval Yard.
7. From Naval Yard to Blue Buildings.
8. From Blue Buildings to East Point.
9. From Kellett's Island to North Point.
10. Kowloon Wharves.
11. Jardine's Wharf.

Vessel's Name.	Anchorage.	Captain.	Flag and Rig.	Tons.	Date of Arrival.	Consignees or Agents.	Destination.	Remarks.
Steamers.								
Achilles	3 o	Harvey	Brit. str.	1487	Dec. 30	Butterfield & Swire	Singapore, &c.	To-morrow
Australian	5 k	Holme	Brit. str.	2838	Dec. 27	Gibb, Livingston & Co.		
Bygdo	3 h	Tollefsen	Norw. str.	771	Nov. 19	Wieler & Co.		
Cassius	3 c	Unruh	Ger. str.	1504	Dec. 9	Lauts, Wegener & Co.		
Choysang	3 c	Bowker	Brit. str.	1104	Dec. 30	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	Shanghai	To-morrow
Chunsang	5 c	Buller	Brit. str.	1418	Dec. 24	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	Yokohama	To-morrow
Cosmopolit	5 c	Holtz	Ger. str.	552	Dec. 19	Wieler & Co.		
Cromarty	8 c	Duncan	Brit. str.	1965	Dec. 28	Dodwell, Carlill & Co.		
Dante	...	Koopke	Ger. str.	1302	Nov. 10	Wieler & Co.	.....	K'loon Dock
Empress of China	5 h	Archibald	Brit. str.	3003	Dec. 30	C. P. R. Co.	Vancouver, B.C.	
Formosa	5 h	Robson	Brit. str.	674	Dec. 29	Douglas Steamship Co.	Swatow, &c.	1st prox.
Galveston	3 c	Petersen	er. str.	650	Dec. 28	Wieler & Co.		
Germania	3 c	Bendixen	Ger. str.	1714	Dec. 30	Jebsen & Co.		
Hailan	3 c	Jones	Fch. str.	350	Dec. 28	A. R. Marty	Hoihow, &c.	To-morrow
Hanoi	....	Chodzko	Fch. str.	732	Dec. 28	A. R. Marty	.....	K'loon Dock
Hinsang	5 c	Kynock	Brit. str.	1536	Dec. 21	Jardine, Matheson & Co.		
Jacob Diedrichsen	....	Schlaikier	Ger. str.	1623	Dec. 21	Jebsen & Co.	.....	K'loon Dock
Kaisar-i-Hind	5 k	Daniel	Brit. str.	2385	Dec. 29	P. & O. S. N. Co.	Europe, &c.	To-morrow
Kwang Lee	3 h	Lincoln	Chi. str.	1605	Dec. 30	C. M. S. N. Co.		
Lightning	3 k	Spence	Brit. str.	2124	Dec. 30	David, Sassoon Sons & Co.		
Loyal	3 c	Lorensen	Ger. str.	1203	Dec. 28	Wieler & Co.		
Lyeemoon	3 c	Heuermann	Ger. str.	1233	Dec. 30	Siemssen & Co.	Shanghai	To-morrow
Memnon	5 c	Mogridge	Brit. str.	826	Dec. 30	Butterfield & Swire		
Mirzapore	5 k	Andrews	Brit. str.	3279	Dec. 30	P. & O. S. N. Co.		
Nanchang	....	Finlayson	Brit. str.	1060	Dec. 17	Butterfield & Swire	.....	Con'tan Dock
Nanshan	3 c	Stovell	Brit. str.	1344	Dec. 29	Bradley & Co.		
Olympia	7 h	Truebridge	Brit. str.	1691	Dec. 29	Dodwell, Carlill & Co.		
Poliosa	....	Dulling	Belg. str.	1589	Sept. 18	Butterfield & Swire	.....	K'loon Dock
Phra Chom Klao	2 o	Fowler	Brit. str.	1011	Dec. 29	Yuen Fat Hong	Swatow & Bangkok	2nd prox.
Prometheus	3 c	Day	Brit. str.	3349	Dec. 30	Butterfield & Swire	Shanghai	To-morrow
Propontis	5 c	Farrand	Brit. str.	1390	Dec. 24	Chinese		
Quarta	3 c	Johannsen	Ger. str.	1146	Dec. 28	Wieler & Co.		
Sullberg	3 c	Jessen	Ger. str.	782	Dec. 29	A. R. Marty	Haiphong	1st prox.
Swatow	3 c	Jespersen	Ger. str.	631	Dec. 27	Siemssen & Co.		
Verona	5 c	Tcoque, R.N.R.	Brit. str.	1950	Dec. 28	P. & O. S. N. Co.	Nagasaki, &c.	1st prox.
Yuensang	3 c	Waddilove	Brit. str.	1106	Dec. 27	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	Amoy & Manila	To-morrow
Sailing Vessels.								
Belle of Bath	4 k	Curtis	Amer. sh.	1047	Sept. 2	Captain		
Congo	7 c	Arana	Sp. 3m. sch.	300	Dec. 13	Gibb, Livingston Co.		
Freiburg	3 k	Schutte	Ger. sh.	1905	Sept. 18	Melchers & Co.		
Fort Stuart	8 h	Vanstone	Brit. sh.	2312	Nov. 5	Order		
Fred. P. Litchfield	2 k	Hardy	Amer. bqe.	991	Nov. 20	Order		
John Baizley	3 k	Wall	Amer. sch.	—	May 30	Order		
Ladakh	3 k	Johnstone	Brit. sh.	1908	Nov. 20	Standard Oil Co.		
Lothair	3 k	Ferretto	Italian bqe.	796	July 31	D. Musso & Co.		
Matterhorn	3 k	Williams	Br. 4m. sh.	1839	Nov. 19	Standard Oil Co.		
Penobscot	5 c	McCaulder	Amer. bqe.	1067	Nov. 20	Arnhold, Karberg & Co.		
R. R. Thomas	....	Nichols	Amer. sh.	1333	Nov. 24	Standard Oil Co.	.....	K'loon Dock
Retriever	2 k	Walls	Amer. sch.	75	April 3	Captain		
Sechem	2 k	Lancaster	Amer. sh.	1311	June 12	Order		
Stanfield	3 c	Wilson	Brit. bqe.	560	Dec. 18	Master		
Sumbawa	5 k	Rahberg	Brit. bqe.	1065	Dec. 27	Shewan, Tomes & Co.		
Velocity	3 c	.....	Brit. bqe.	527	Oct. 1	Chinese		
West York	5 k	Davis	Bri. bqe.	688	Oct. 18	Order		
Wm. H. Smith	2 k	Wilson	Amer sh.	1908	Aug. 21	Standard Oil Co.		

Her Britannic Majesty's Ships on the China Station.

Name.	Rig.	Tons.	Guns.	I.H.P.	Captain.	Where at.
Æolus	twin-screw cruiser 2nd class	3600	21	9000	Captain Robert L. Groome	Shanghai
Alacrity	despatch-vessel	1780	12	2000	Commander F. G. De Lisle	Singapore
Archer	cruiser 3rd class	1770	16	3500	Comd. C. E. Kingsmill	Yokohama
Centurion*	twinscrew battle ship	10,500	41	13,000	Captain Spencer H. Login	Hongkong
Daphne	sloop	1146	16	2000	Commander MacArthur	Manila
Esk	g-bt. 3rd class coast defence	363	9	200	Lt.-Com. H. P. Barton	Ichang
Firebrand	gunboat 2nd class	455	6	360	Lieut.-Com. Vernon Maud	Wenchow
Grafton†	twin-screw cruiser, 1st class	7,350	36	12,000	Captain E. P. Jones	Yokohama
Handy	torpedo boat destroyer	260	6	4000	Lieut. A. Gillespie	Hongkong
Hart	torpedo boat destroyer	260	6	4000	Lieut. H. F. Shakespear	Hongkong
Humber	storeship	950	—	800	Commander F. W. Wyley	Hongkong
Immortalité	armoured cruiser, 1st class	5600	34	8500	Captain Edward Chichester	Hongkong
Linnet	gun-vessel 2nd class	750	3	370	Commander R. C. Sparkes	Tientsin
Narcissus	armoured cruiser, 1st class	5600	34	8500	Commander McAlpine	Nagasaki
Peacock	gunboat 1st class	755	10	1200	Lieut. P. S. St. John	Nagasaki
Pigmy	gunboat 1st class	755	10	1200	Lieut. Dormer	Manila
Pique	cruiser 2nd class	3600	21	9300	Acting-Com. J. I. Graham	Manila
Plover	gunboat 1st class	755	10	1200	Lieut. Spencer V. Y. de Horsey	Nagasaki
Porpoise	cruiser 3rd class	1277	16	2500	Commander F. R. Pelly	Hongkong
Rainbow	cruiser, 2nd class	3600	21	9300	Captain Wm. C. C. Forsyth	Singapore
Rattler	gunboat 1st class	735	10	1200	Lt.-Com. Hon. G. A. Hardinge	Nagasaki
Redpole	gunboat 1st class	805	10	1200	Lieut.-Com. E. H. Grafton	Hankow
Spartan	twin-screw cruiser 2nd class	3600	21	9300	Captain Alfred L. Winsloe	Manila
Swift	gun-vessel 2nd class	756	8	870	Act.-Com. Yonel	Hongkong
Tamar	ex-transport	2647	—	—	———	Hongkong
Tweed	g-bt. 2nd class coast defence	363	5	200	———	Hongkong
Undaunted	armoured cruiser	5600	34	8500	Captain John S. Hallifax	Yokohama
Victor Emanuel	receiving ship	5167	14	—	Commodore S. Holland	Hongkong
Wivern	coast defence ship, armoured	2750	12	1000	———	Hongkong

Torpedo Boats in Reserve Nos. 8, 20, 35, 36, 37 and 38, first class; and 3 second class boats.

* Flagship of Vice-Admiral Sir Alexander Bullen, K.C.B. † Flagship of Rear-Admiral Oxley.

Foreign Men-of-war on the China and Japan Station.

Name.	Flag and Rig.	Tons.	Guns	H.P.	Captain.	Where at.
Admiral Kornileoff	Russian cruiser	4950	32	6000	Captain Eltchaninoff	———
Admiral Nakhimoff	Russian flagship	7781	32	9500	Captain Kasherinoff	———
Africa	Portuguese transport	1993	—	—	Capt. Antonio Sergio de Souza	Macao
Aleout	Russian gunboat	810	2	730	Captain Parenego	Vladivostock
Algor	French cruiser	4000	30	8000	Captain Boutet	Shanghai
Arcona	German cruiser	2300	18	2400	Captain Beiker	Manila
Aspic	French gunboat	275	4	450	Commander Journet	Bangkok
Bayard	French flagship	6010	26	4400	Commander Fortin	Saigon
Bengo	Portuguese gunboat	452	5	400	Capt. A. T. Da Costa e Silva	Hongkong
Bobre	Russian sloop	950	13	1150	Captain Moias	Shanghai
Boston	U. S. cruiser	3000	8	3500	Captain F. Wildes	Chefoo
Castilla	Spanish cruiser	3290	22	4400	Capt. Enrique Sanlula	Manila
Comete	French gunboat	495	4	500	Capt. Simon	Shanghai
Detroit	U. S. cruiser	2000	16	5400	Capt. Reiter	Shanghai
Dimitri Donskoi	Russian cruiser	6000	16	7000	Captain Witthoff	Yokohama
Diu	Portuguese cruiser	720	—	—	Capt. Xavier de Brito	Hongkong
Don Antonio de Ulloa	Spanish cruiser	1260	4	—	Capt. Duelo	Manila
Don Juan de Austria	Spanish cruiser	1130	14	1500	Commander R. P. de Bonaure	Manila
Gaidamak	Russian gunboat	400	9	3500	Capt. Siemen	Nagasaki
General Alava	Spanish gun-vessel	1200	—	—	Capt. Ramon Rochiquet Freijillo	Manila
Gremiastchy	Russian gunboat	1490	12	1380	Capt. Bouchenoff	Nagasaki
Irene	German cruiser	4400	22	8000	Commander du Bois	Manila
Isly	French cruiser	4380	22	8000	Captain Pillot	Manila
Kaiser	German flagship	7677	15	7800	Captain Zeye	Hongkong
Korejets	Russian sloop	1200	9	2150	Capt. Chaikovsky	Nagasaki
Kormoran	German cruiser	1640	8	2800	Commander Brinkmann	Shanghai
Kreiser	Russian sloop	1330	13	1200	Capt. Beklemisheff	Nagasaki
Lion	French gunboat	500	6	500	Lieutenant Gauchet	Saigon
Machias	U. S. cruiser	1250	16	1600	Commander Mackenzie	Hongkong
Manila	Spanish transport	1057	2	1000	Captain Vimiza	Manila
Mandshur	Russian sloop	1200	9	1400	Commander Andruff	Yokohama
Monocacy	U. S. sloop	1370	8	850	Com. Reisinger	Tientsin
Olympia	U. S. flagship	5800	14	13,500	Captain J. J. Read	Nagasaki
Otvajny	Russian gunboat	1490	12	2000	Captain Radloff	Nagasaki
Pamiat Azova	Russian cruiser	3050	35	2000	Captain Rodionoff	Nagasaki
Panther	Austrian cruiser	1500	10	—	Commander Koppel	Yokohama
Pluvier	French gunboat	645	3	450	Lieut.-Commander Vidal	Bangkok
Princess Wilhelm	German cruiser	4400	22	8000	Captain Thiele	Nagasaki
Reina Cristina	Spanish cruiser	3090	19	4800	Com'der José Warleta	Manila
Rurik	Russian 1st class cruiser	10,930	48	13,500	Captain Krogge	Nagasaki
Saida	Austrian cruiser	2500	11	1600	Captain C. Spitzer	Singapore
Sliatch	Russian gunboat	—	—	—	Captain Baranoff	Vladivostock
Sivootch	Russian cruiser	950	13	1130	Captain Astromoff	Vladivostock
Vipere	French gunboat	480	4	425	Commander Journet	Bangkok
Yorktown	U. S. cruiser	1700	16	3600	Commander Stockton	Shanghai
Zabijaka	Russian cruiser	1950	19	1470	Captain Lutchaff	Nagasaki
Zaragoza	Mexican cruiser	1200	8	1300	Admiral A. D. Monasterio	Singapore

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